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## JAPAN'S BOMBARDMENT OF NANKING FORTS.

### TROOPS FIRE ON JAPANESE DESTROYERS.

### DANGEROUS CHAPEI SITUATION.

### TENRYU MARU ON SHOAL NEAR WOOSUNG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 2, 9.31 a.m.  
THE TEMPORARY LULL in the street fighting has not been interrupted, though sniping has been going on steadily through the night.

The comparative calm is, however, suspect. There is reason to fear a serious renewal of battle. Thousands of Chinese troops are now concentrating at the Shanghai North Station and both sides appear to be ready for action at the slightest provocation.

A concerted drive is, in fact, expected in the immediate future—it may be commenced at any moment—and it is being awaited with some anxiety by the Japanese forces now in Chapei.

It was learned late last night that the 2,500-ton Japanese steamer, Tenryu Maru, registered at Hoochi, an old British ship, ran aground on the shoals near the Woosung Forts.

Two destroyers, the Kuma and the Kire, which were proceeding at this time down the Whangpoo and which were planning to stand-by the distressed ship, were fired upon by troops lining the banks and from the Forts.

The Chinese were silenced and the destroyers are affording protection to the Tenryu Maru.

The Post Office staff returned to duty to-day and are operating under a strong guard, provided by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Twenty-four additional Japanese planes arrived in Shanghai yesterday and another forty-six are expected to-day. The total will then be 130.

### BRITISH JOURNALIST MISSING.

### ATTEMPTED CHAPEI RESCUE: NOT SEEN SINCE SATURDAY.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Feb. 2.  
The gravest anxiety is now felt regarding the safety and whereabouts of Mr. Henry Benson Currie, a British journalist who has been missing since Saturday evening when he went to Chapei in an endeavour to rescue the mother of a Chinese friend.

Very little is known of Mr. Benson Currie, except that he is an Irishman who served in the Great War.

It is believed that he arrived in China only a few months ago. He was not registered at the British Consulate.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE ARMY DIVISION FOR SHANGAI.

Tokyo, Feb. 2.  
An important military conference was held late last night attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for War and the Navy Minister. It was tentatively decided to dispatch one army division to Shanghai to replace the bluejackets. The decision is subject to the approval of the Cabinet at its meeting to-day.

A Japanese division consists of two brigades of infantry, a regiment each of cavalry and artillery, and a battalion each of engineers and Army Service Corps.

Paris, Feb. 1.  
A battalion of infantry from Tongking has been ordered to Shanghai to strengthen the defences of the French Concession.—Reuter.

Reuter's New York correspondent reports an announcement, on behalf of leading Wall Street bankers, that neither China nor Japan will be able to obtain loans from New York or London for the purpose of financing a war.

### SITUATION TENSE AND DANGEROUS.

### CALMING EFFECT NOW HOPED FOR.

London, Feb. 1.  
The Shanghai position continues to cause grave anxiety. Reinforcements are being hastened by the British, United States and French Governments to ensure the safety of their nationals in the International Settlement. It is hoped their arrival will have a calming effect within the Settlement, where the situation is tense and dangerous.

Neutral forces in the Settlement were to-day supplemented by a body of marines landed from H. M. S. Suffolk, which arrived from Hongkong, and the Hongkong-Singapore Artillery Brigade are following with the Argylls in H. M. S. Berwick.

H. M. S. Kent, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, Commander-in-Chief, China Station, is now proceeding from Batavia and is due in Shanghai on Friday.

A Washington message says Admiral Taylor will reach Shanghai on Wednesday with reinforcements, including some hundreds of marines, seven United States destroyers having gone ahead.

### HIGHEST MORALE.

The presence of these reinforcements should afford some relief to the neutral forces, which throughout the critical days have maintained the highest morale under conditions of extreme difficulty, aggravated by the influx of refugees.

The safety of the Settlement has been jeopardised by Japanese action in using portions of it, according to local observers, as a base for operations.

Strongly-worded representations have been made on the subject at Tokyo by the British and American Governments.

### BURSTS OF FIRING.

Meanwhile, although the armistice appears to be maintained so far as the larger bodies of troops in the area is concerned, the danger which is inherent in the close proximity of Chinese and Japanese in the north-eastern suburbs is continually emphasised by bursts of firing.

Unremitting efforts are being made by neutral consular and other officials to make the truce effective, and schemes to this end continue under consideration.

### SETTLEMENT DEFENCE.

Conditions appear to be quiet along the Settlement borders, which are patrolled by neutral forces. The French are guarding their own Concession, the British are responsible for the north-west area, the Italians are guarding part of the northern boundary. Americans are located in the north along the Soochow creek, and the Volunteers are at a point opposite North Station.

The area of acute tension is in Hankow, where the Japanese have posted their marines outside the Settlement.—British Wireless.

### BRITISH ANXIETY.

### ACTIVITY AT NO. 10.

London, Feb. 1.  
In the capitals of all countries with interests in the International Settlement, the situation in Shanghai has been anxiously examined during the day.

During the morning he conferred with Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, and this afternoon Lord Halifax, the Secretary for War and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff visited No. 10 Downing Street.—British Wireless.



It is feared that another serious outbreak of fighting is imminent. The Chinese are massing troops at the North Station and the Japanese are anxiously preparing for an attack. Our photo shows a Japanese barricade near military headquarters.

### LEAGUE INQUIRY IN SHANGHAI.

### AMERICA'S CURIOUS ATTITUDE.

Geneva, Feb. 1.  
The United States Government have declined to participate officially in the League Enquiry into the Shanghai outbreak, though they are prepared to co-operate with the work of the Commission to a certain extent.

The American reply to Sir Eric Drummond's request was presented to the Secretary-General by Mr. Prentiss Gilbert this morning.

The reply says that while agreeing to work with the Commission of Inquiry at Shanghai, the Government cannot accept membership of the Commission as the Council's decision regarding its appointment was not unanimous.

The American Consul-General will, however, be instructed to furnish Sir Eric Drummond with all the materials at his disposal.—Reuter.

### NO DECLARATION OF WAR.

### THE RIGHT OF SELF-PRESERVATION.

Geneva, Feb. 1.  
A telegram from the Chinese Foreign Minister has been communicated to the League Secretariat describing as entirely groundless the Press reports that China was preparing to declare war on Japan.

China, he states, is merely exercising the right of self-preservation.

While Japan is relentlessly pursuing a policy of violence and aggression, China is faithfully observing her international obligations. As long as the Japanese forces refrain from violence, the Chinese will not be hostile.—Reuter.

The Telegraph published a similar official denial yesterday.

### JAPANESE ACTION IN CANTON.

### CHINESE REPORT "SECOND THOUGHTS."

It is reported from Chinese sources that the Japanese Consul-General in Canton yesterday interviewed the Mayor (M. T. K. Ching) regarding the protest and demands lodged by the Consul-General a few days ago, concerning articles in the Canton Gazette and the *King Wo Po*.

It is stated the Consul-General agreed to withdraw the demands and to telegraphically request that the intended despatch of Japanese warships to Canton be cancelled. He also asked the Mayor to notify the public not to misunderstand the situation.

The Mayor enquired regarding the number of Japanese residents in Canton and was informed that there are none in Canton City, and only a few in Shantou.

In regard to the Swatow situation, he said that there had been a misunderstanding and did not anticipate that any further trouble would occur. He is reported to have indicated that the Japanese demands in Swatow would be withdrawn.

### JAPAN COMPLAINS TO LEAGUE.

### CHINA STRENGTHENING DEFENCES.

Geneva, Feb. 1.  
Mr. Sato, the Japanese Ambassador in Belgium, and representative of Japan on the League Council, has communicated a telegram to the League accusing the Chinese of violating the armistice in Shanghai by a "treacherous attack" which compelled the Japanese to retire.

Mr. Sato draws the attention of the League to China's "provocative measures" such as the despatch of forty aeroplanes from Chinchow.

"We are determined to act with the Powers. Our authorities are in close contact with other consular and military authorities. We have no political ambitions in Shanghai and have no intention of injuring the rights and interests of the Powers."—Reuter.

### LYTTON INQUIRY.

### NOT TRAVELLING VIA SIBERIA.

London, Feb. 1.  
The Earl of Lytton, the British Representative and Chairman of the Sino-Japanese Commission appointed to investigate the Sino-Japanese dispute in Manchuria, will sail for New York from Le Havre on Wednesday, together with the other four members of the Commission.—British Wireless.

On being brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the thief was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the birch. His Worship, remarking that he could not see how he could give a lighter sentence, as this sort of thing was very serious in Hongkong.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy informed his Worship that the amah was to Wanchai last night and then met a friend with whom she went shopping in the Central District. The couple returned to Wanchai at about 11 p.m. and in Percival Street they separated.

The defendant came up behind the complainant and snatched her handbag, which she was carrying under her arm. The alarm was then raised and a constable on duty arrested the defendant.

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In reply to his Worship, defendant said he had no work to do and had not had a meal for two days. He had snatched the handbag in a moment of temptation.

On being brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with being in possession of 112 taels of raw opium, his Worship said he had no objection to the defendant being released.

Court that the defendant arrived from Canton by the night boat and was seen leaving the wharf carrying two baskets, in each of which was a large amount of opium and tools. The baskets were not as heavy as they appeared to be and, when broken, the opium was found inside containing two tin boxes.

The defendant was released on bail of £100, and the case was adjourned.

## DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFRONT CLASH.

### COMPLETE PANIC IN THE CITY.

A DEPLORABLE IMPRESSION has been created all over the world by Press messages announcing that at midnight, a Japanese cruiser opened a bombardment upon Hsia Kwan at Nanking, to which the Chinese artillery replied. Terror and confusion reigned in the city, which was plunged into darkness.

On Sunday, the Japanese Consul-General in Nanking gave an assurance that the Japanese naval forces had no intention of attacking the city and steps were taken by the Chinese to avoid a misunderstanding.

Reuter cables this morning stating that the shelling of Nanking took place following a clash between Chinese troops and Japanese marines on the waterfront. The clash is alleged to have been provoked by the Japanese, who are said to have opened fire on a Chinese patrol.

### ORDERS NOT TO RETALIATE.

The Japanese warships in Nanking Harbour, spread terror throughout the city by firing heavy shells at the forts on Lion Hill near the waterfront. Altogether, it is reported, twenty shells were fired. The Chinese troops received urgent orders not to retaliate, however, and by one o'clock this morning, there was no more firing.

The outbreak caused complete panic in the city, the inhabitants seeking refuge wherever they could. The confusion became worse confounded when immediately following the opening of the firing, the police cut off the electricity supply, plunging the city into darkness. In addition, motor-cars were ordered to switch off their headlights and rickshaw coolies were ordered to blow out their lamps.

The Stygian gloom was relieved only by the searchlights from the Nanking aerodrome, which swept searching across the sky in quest of Japanese bombing planes, while the anti-aircraft gunners rushed to their posts.

The Nanking leaders have been anticipating an aerial attack on the capital, but no machines were visible during the night and no bombs were dropped.

### ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO STOP TROOPS.

Among the stories in circulation regarding the affair is one to the effect that the Japanese warships tried to sink the launches in which the members of the National Guards Division from Honan were crossing the river from Pukow to reinforce the local garrison.

Up to the moment, there are no reports of the actual damage caused by the Japanese shelling, though Chinese officials declare that several of the shells hit the forts.

### SILVER AGAIN RISES.

### HONGKONG DOLLAR ADVANCES.

London, Feb. 1.  
After two splendid displays against Newcastle in the F. A. Cup Competition, Southport collapsed in the second replay to-day, suffering defeat by nine clear goals. The match was played at Sheffield.

Both in Hongkong and Shantou, however, rates are nominal, and no business is passing.

In the next round, to be played on Saturday week, Newcastle are at home to Leicester and Stoke pay a visit to Bury.

In a First Division league match to-day, West Ham, shared points with Huddersfield Town. The final score was 1-1.—Reuter.

### OPIUM INSIDE BRICKS.

### SMUGGLERS' LATEST.

Further evidence of the ingenious methods adopted by opium smugglers was forthcoming before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with being in possession of 112 taels of raw opium.

Revenue Officer Wain told the court that the defendant was a Chinese who had been in the colony for nine months and had been engaged in the opium trade.

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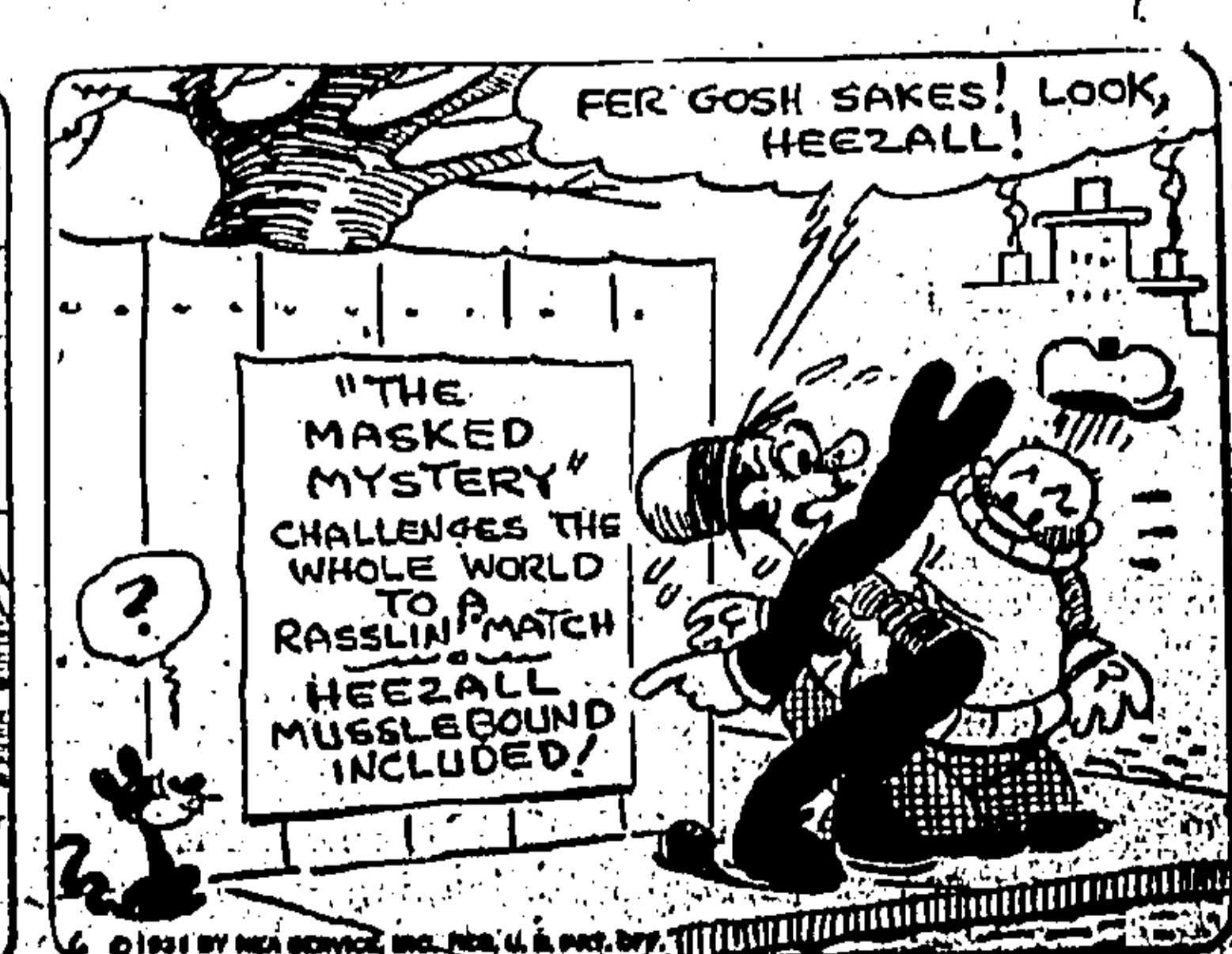
IF SAM THINKS I'M JUST GONNA SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR THAT OTHER \$1000, HE'S GOOFY! I'M MAKIN' MYSELF A BET THAT I COLLECT THE WHOLE AMOUNT OUT OF HEZALL'S NEXT MATCH!

IT'S FUNNY WE DON'T GET ANY MORE ANSWERS TO THE CHALLENGES I WIRED OUT!

DERE ALL SCARED UFF ME, SEMMY!



**What's Sam Gonna Do?**



**ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.**

**MR. DAVID DAVIES THE NEW PRESIDENT.**

Mr. David Davies was elected president of the St. David's Society of Hongkong in succession to Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones at the annual meeting of the Society held in the Chamber of Commerce offices yesterday.

The following members were present:—Mr. David Davies, Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. R. R. Davies, Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Miss F. M. Hughes, Mr. W. T. Lewis, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Mr. D. F. Davis, and Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones presided at the outset, and proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which were unanimously carried.

The Report:

The report read:

As St. David's Day fell on a Sunday, the Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 28th February.

We were pleased to welcome to the Dinner representatives of Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion, The South Wales Borderers, including the Male Voice Choir, whose singing was a most enjoyable feature of the evening.

The thanks of the Committee are also due to the following Members who contributed to the programme of entertainment: Mrs. F. C. Rendall, Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mr. D. M. Richards.

On St. David's Day, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by the President, supported by Members of the Committee and other Members of the Society.

Telegraphic messages of congratulations were exchanged between the Society and Welsh Societies in Shanghai and Bombay.

The Society again supported Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-Service Men by contributing \$30 for poppies which were designed in the form of the Welsh Dragon and laid on the Cenotaph on the 11th November.

Officers:

After his election to the presidency, Mr. David Davies occupied the chair, when the following officers were appointed:—Mr. R. R. Davies (Vice-President), Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer); committee, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. F. C. Rendall, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. D. F. Davis and Mr. W. T. Lewis.

It was decided to again hold a dinner to celebrate St. David's



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Day on Tuesday, March 1, and it was agreed that invitations be sent to representatives of the South Wales Borderers to attend, as well as the Male Voice Choir.

A suggestion that the subscription be raised to \$5 per annum was referred to the next annual meeting.

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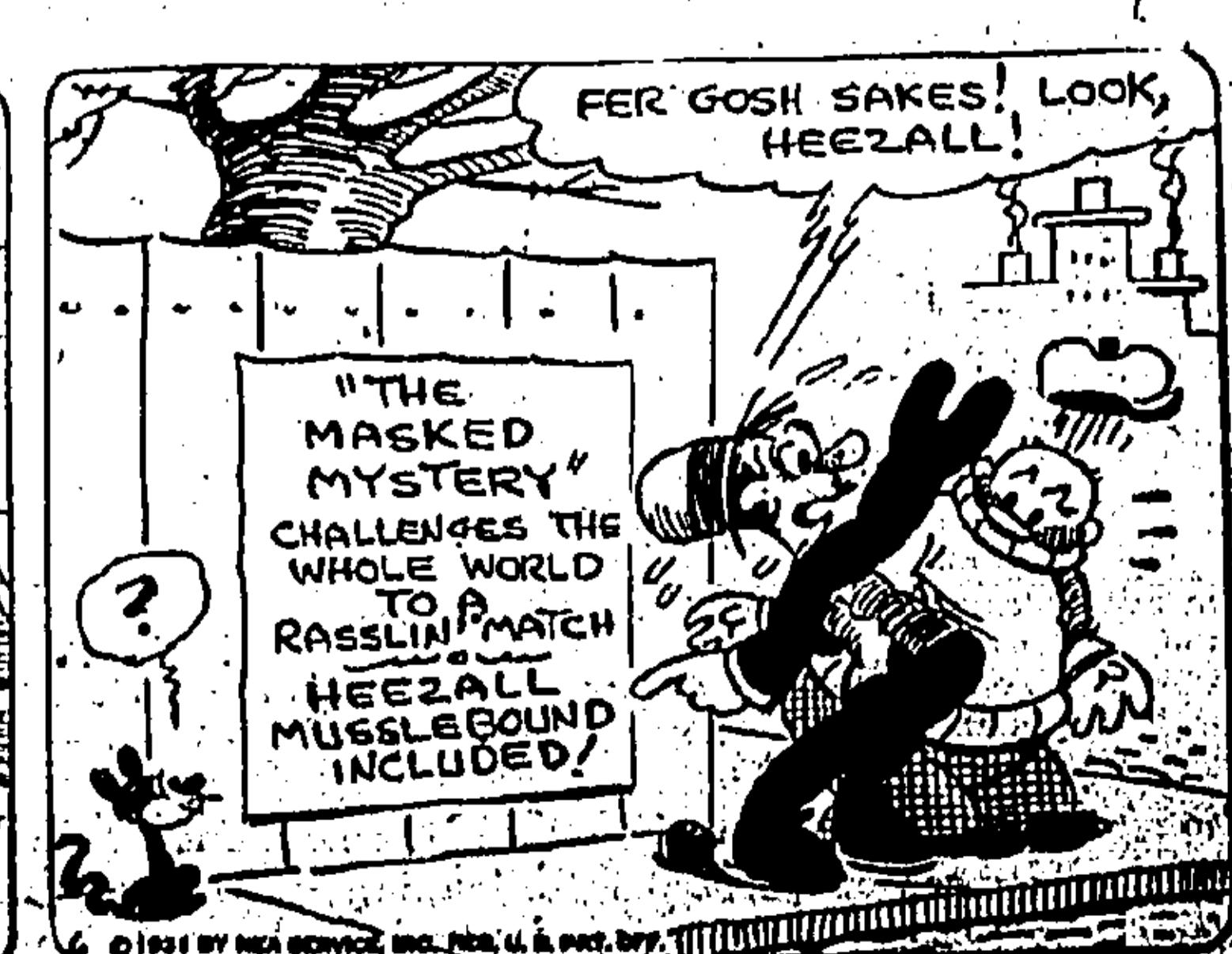
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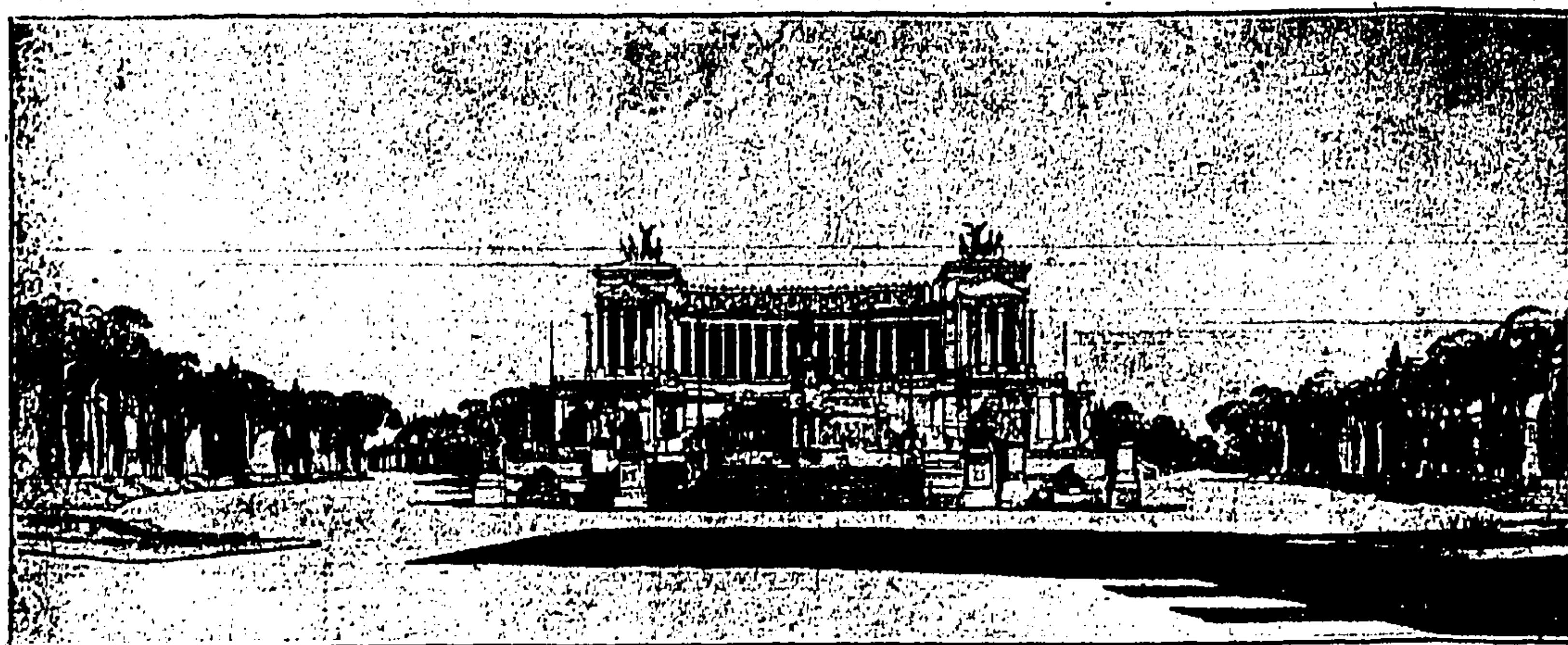
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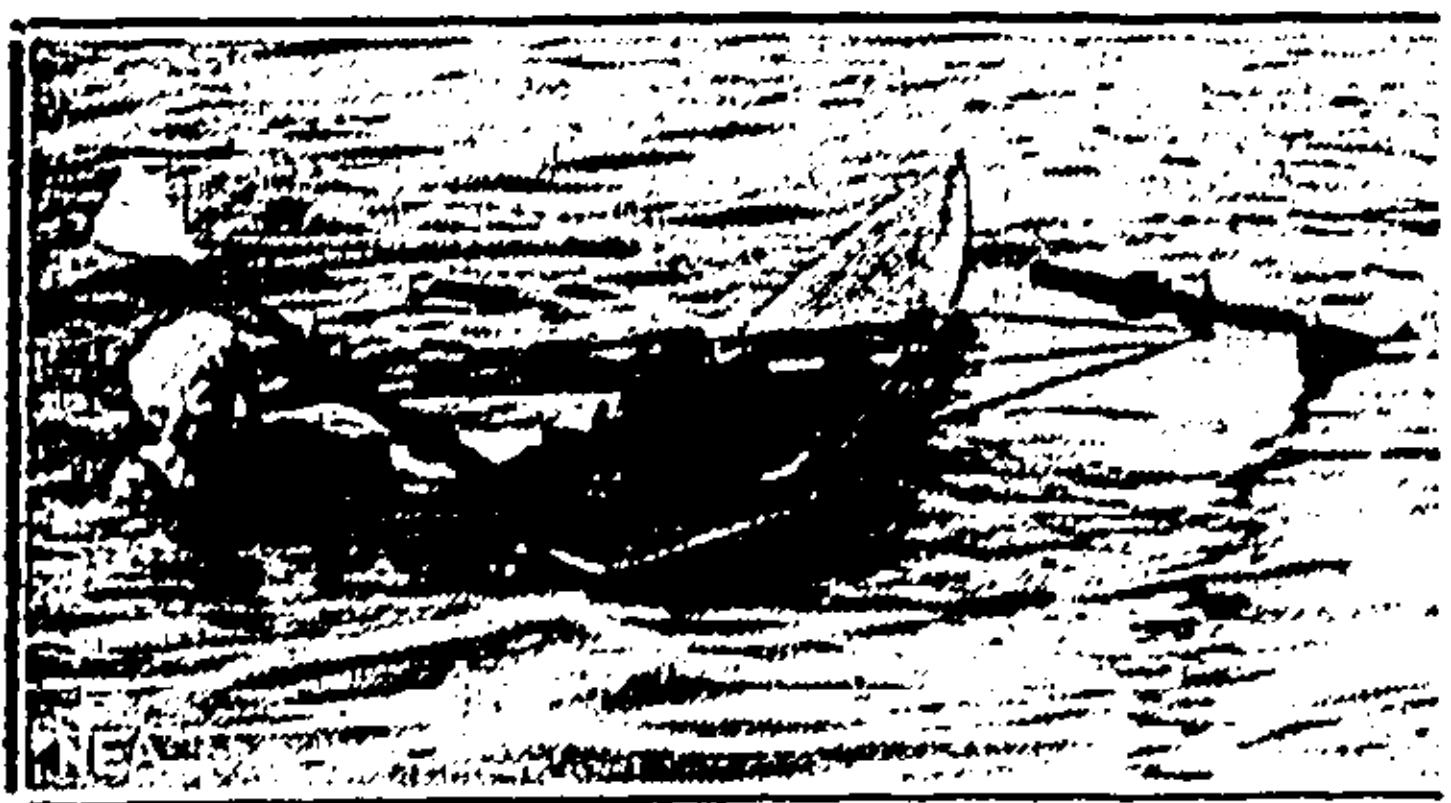
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## TOWN PLANNING IN BEAUTIFUL ROME: DOUGIE AT ST. MORITZ.



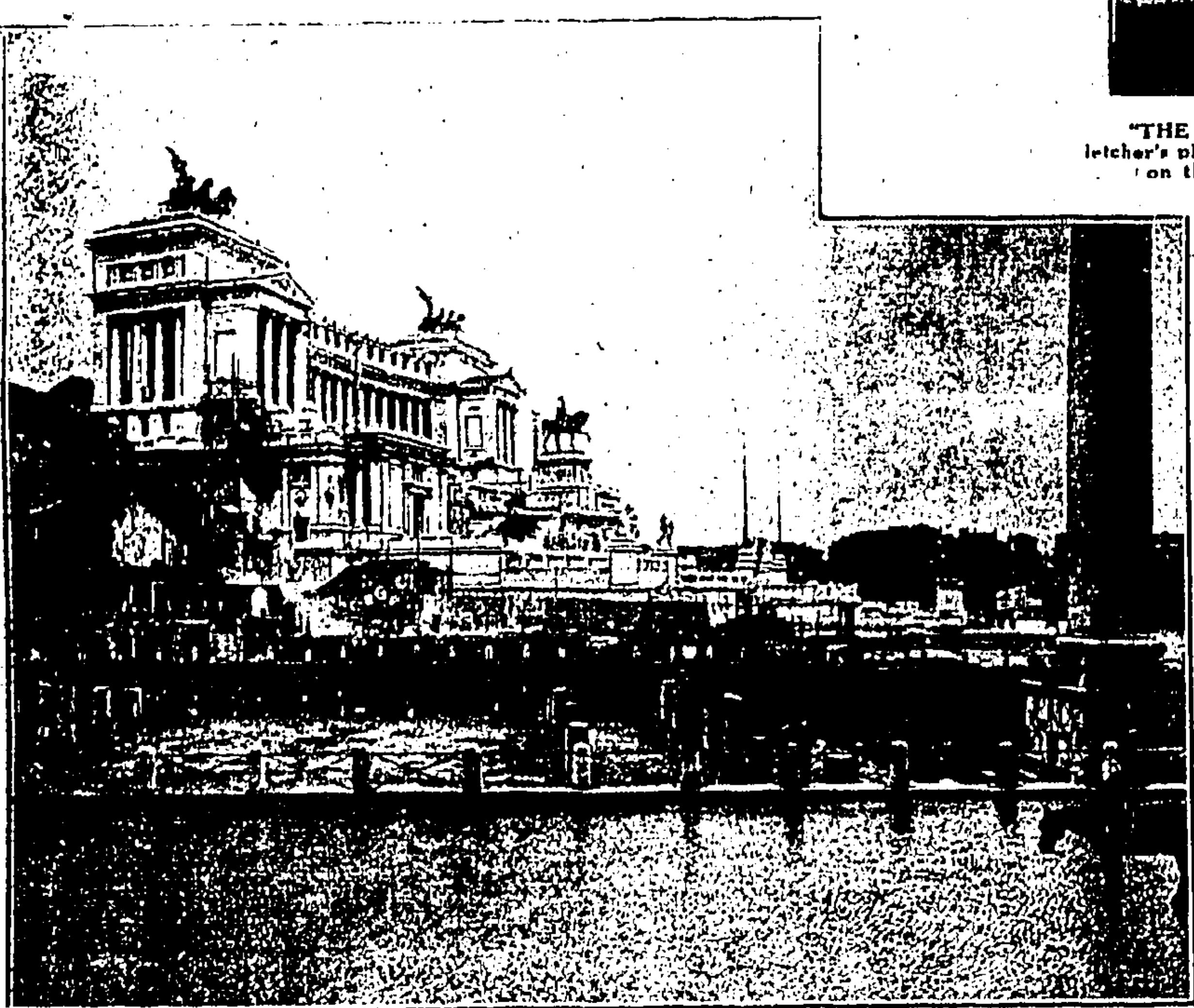
A sketch illustrating Senator Corrado Ricci's plan for planting trees round the Victor Emanuel monument in Rome. In addition to the second phase, in the operations for isolating the monument, the opening of the new road which is to join the Piazza Venezia with the Colosseum has begun. (Times copyright).



Car Wood, the American motorboat expert, made a splash through the water when he took a spill from a skiff and had to swim for the shore. Photo shows the Commodore immediately after his ducking.



"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE". A scene from Beaumont and Fletcher's play, which is to be produced at the Old Vic. Miss Sybil Thorndike (seated on the right) takes the part of the Citizen's wife. (Times copyright).



The demolition of all buildings now standing between Tarjan's Forum and the Victor Emanuel Monument in Rome is now in progress, and our picture shows the houses have been demolished. The work is part of the scheme for the new planning of the city. (Times copyright).

## Gems of Peril

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Mary Harkness plots to entrap the mysterious Mr. Jupiter. She has heard of his secret knowledge of the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and ran him down to keep him from telling. She is aided by Mr. Jupiter's lover, the Star, and by the dark, burly, bellicose Bruce, who is jealous and breaks with Mary when he will not give up the investigation.

The sail for Spain on the Jupiter yacht to follow the Fly (Bruce, Jupiter, and Cousin Louise, a questionable friend, are along). They vow to root Mary, who they believe is grubbing up the past to claim her inheritance. Bruce quarrels with Louise over a diamond bracelet she says belongs to Mary. De Loma gives it to her as security for the boat. Bruce makes a secret trip to Mary, who discovers it was stolen from Mrs. Jupiter the night she was killed. Louise's intention is the party to Cousin De Loma, who Mary is to be. The Fly (Bruce, Jupiter, and Cousin Louise) sail for Spain. The Fly steals the Jupiter necklace as bait. Mary dances with him. He gets it from her by a ruse. "I'm sorry, but I must have it back." Bruce is injured and unconscious. Dirk is taken aboard the yacht, the Fly. The Fly goes along and tries again to steal the necklace. Bruce is still unconscious. Mary is still unconscious. The Fly realises he has walked into a trap. The Fly goes aground on a reef.

The boat, monotonous and continual drift of old, Fort Jefferson prison nearby drifts the Fly nearly frantic.

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De Loma pushed Mary roughly to one side and leaned over the rail, peering down into the clear water. The moon silvered it so that it was like a mirror to one looking down from above.

Bates jumped almost as quickly as The Fly had and seized him by the arm.

"What do you mean by speaking to Miss Harkness that way?" he demanded, shaking the other.

But the truce was over. Before long what remained of the party broke up. Bates walked with Mary to her stateroom.

"He gave himself away that time," he growled. "I wish I'd throw him overboard."

"He's like a crazy man. Why isn't he allowed to drink?"

Bates did not answer for a minute.

"A man who is—not himself—is hardly fair game," he said.

Three days passed, as like as peas, except for the heat which grew steadily worse. The glare of the sun or the water was so bright it seared the eyeballs. The heat on deck was frightful but below stairs it was stifling. The tempers of all on board the "Gypsy" were strained to snapping point.

The boat's master alone remained tranquil and appeared to be enjoying himself. Every morning, before dawn, he was out in the dingly, sometimes returning with a catch, sometimes not. Bates stayed behind, smoking interminably, in the shade of the bridge, unobtrusively keeping an eye on things. There was no longer any pretence of association with the others. All were tense, waiting, while overhead, in a corner of the chart-room, the tinkering with the radio apparatus went endlessly on.

Mary kept to herself—the monotony was wearing on her, too—but she did not go near Dirk or the Fly. Back along the deck was again improved that he was able to be carried on deck, and there he and an amiable steward played bridge for hours on end.

Do Loma had gone to his stateroom the night the necklace had been taken. The invalid's ankle was again improved that he was able to be carried on deck, and there he and an amiable steward played bridge for hours on end.

Mary had developed a savage temper and lashed at all who crossed her path, even Bruce. Deprived of the services of a beauty parlor and still wearing the same gown in which she had come aboard, she began to look less the siren and more the shrew.

He stood a moment or two longer, then glided away down the deck.



Douglas Fairbanks on the ski run near St. Moritz, Switzerland recently.

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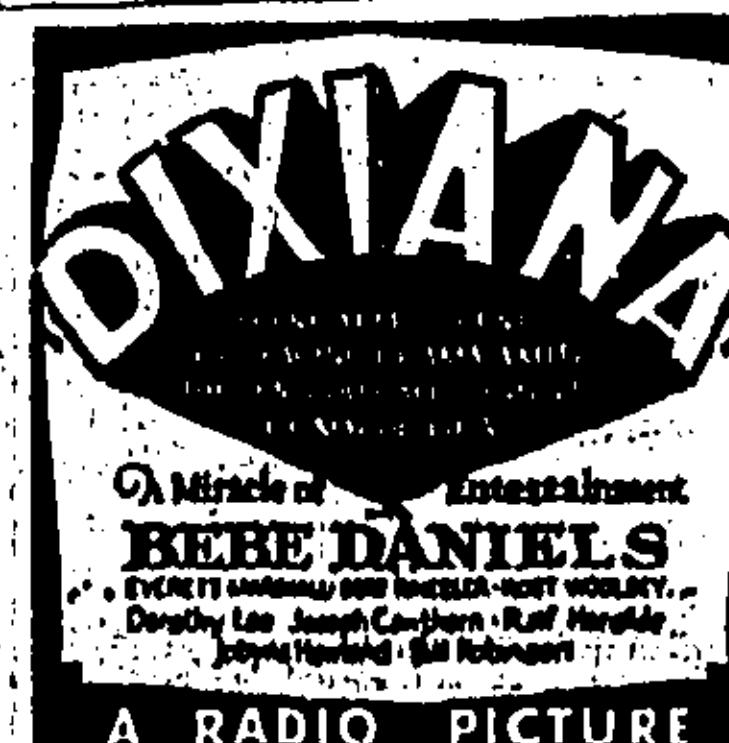
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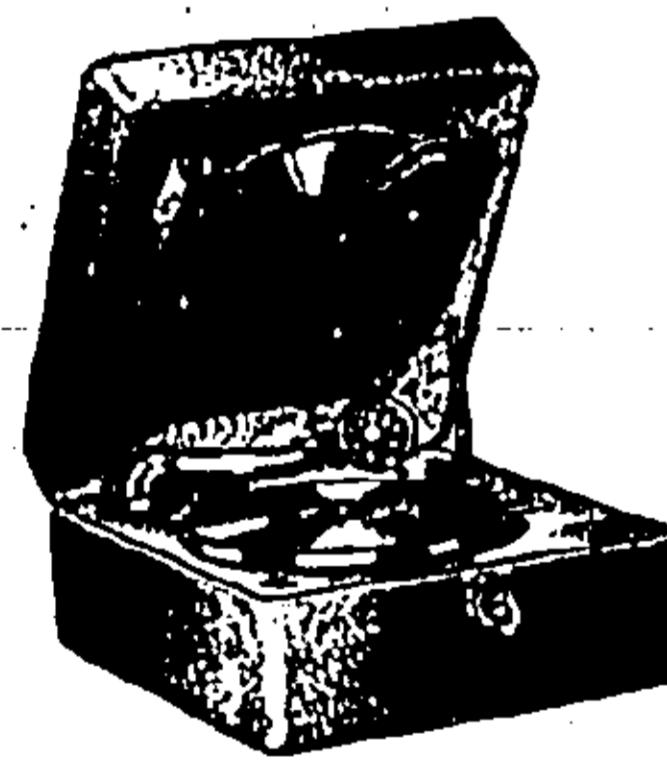
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1932, at 12.15 p.m. immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) by deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit the above-mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated the 28th day of January, 1932.  
By Order of the Board.  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1932, to Thursday, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at 12.15 p.m. on the same day and at the same place as and immediately after the before-mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 96a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution therefor of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before-mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before-mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

## NAVY CONTRACTS, 1932-1933.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the under-mentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hongkong during the period 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933, will be received by the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon, until noon on Monday, 15th February, 1932:—

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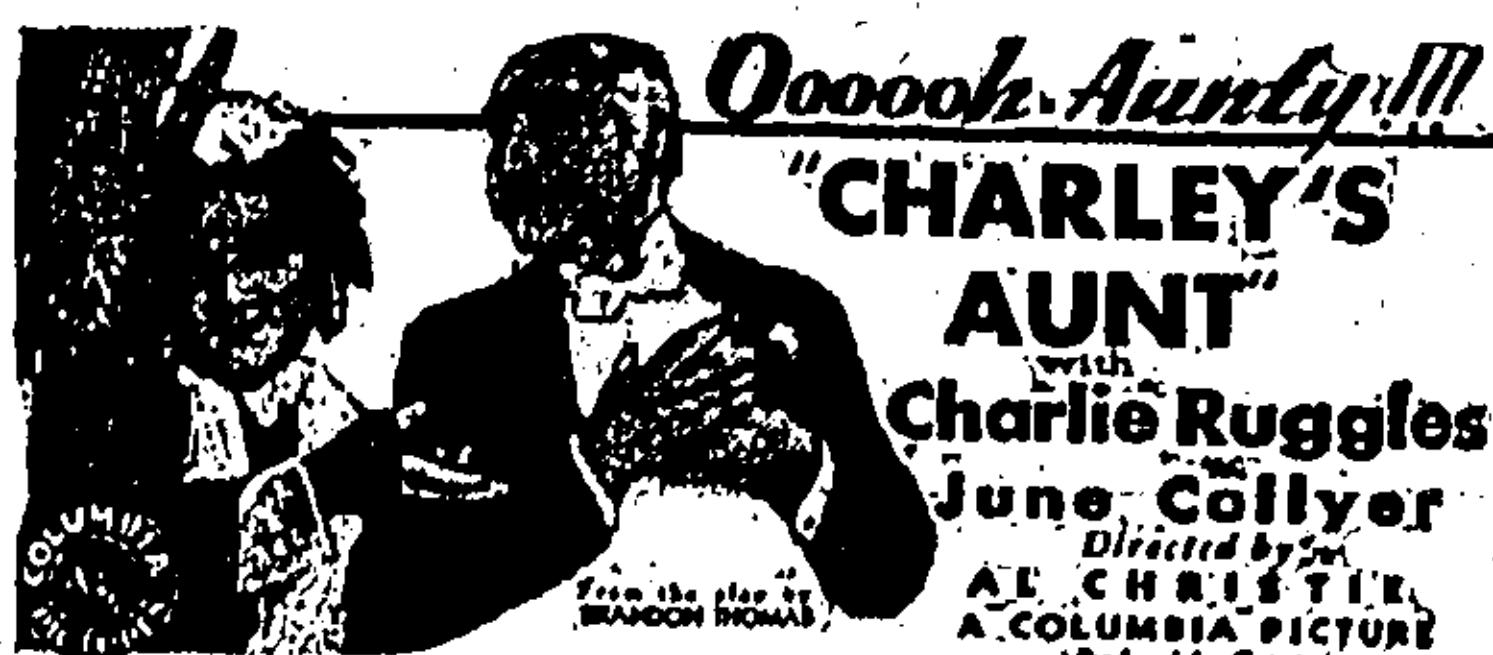
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## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

## NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Political intrigue—a theme as old as civilization, forms the story-substance of "The Secret Call"—combined of course with another theme, even older than civilization—romance. "Old, but darned interesting", as the fellow said.

This stirring drama, written by William C. deMille, and directed by Sturz Walker, has been giving pleasure at the King's Theatre a more-than-usual amount of entertainment.

Aids from the high-pressure plot tension of the production there is no consideration of the appearance in the cast of Peggy Shannon, perhaps the most beautiful proponent of the art of flashing "it" that screen fandango has seen in many a movie moon.

Peggy Shannon was one of the lucky beauties picked by Ziegfeld for his "Follies" a couple of years ago. She next appeared in "Earl Carroll's 'Vanities'" and then played in 10 stage productions, gaining a valuable experience in dramatics. Paramount signed her for screen parts during her appearance with Ernest Fruek in "Gap" in New York.

When Clara Bow was taken suddenly ill a few weeks ago, Miss Shannon was quickly shunted into the void, an assignment which she filled, without ever having had any previous screen experience! Under Walker's capable direction she has proved to be a real "it".

Richard Arlen plays the role of her lover in "The Secret Call". He is seen as the son of William B. Davidson "the big boss" of a political party which has the city voters in its grip. Miss Shannon's father, Harry Herrestad, a minor politician, is made the "goat" of the organization through the shady operations of Davidson, and he dies of a broken heart. Peggy's revenge on Davidson and his cohorts, unknown to Arlen.

She gets a job as a telephone operator in a big hotel and thus learns damaging secrets about the political leaders. She is in a position to blackmail and wreck the "machines" and is about to vindicate her father's death when a series of circumstances of a startling nature changes the entire aspect of her adventure. The picture ends happily for the lovers.

The cast includes some of the best character actors in the film capital. Ned Sparks, Ned Prouty, Charles Trowbridge, June Keith, Charles D. Brown, Larry Stevens and Claire Dodd. "The Virtuous Sin".

Although six of his plays have been produced as motion pictures, Martin Brown did his first writing directly for the screen when he was assigned to adapt another playwright's drama for the celluloid screen.

Brown adapted and wrote dialogue for the independent cameraman of Luis Zilhao, namely, "The General", retitled "The Virtuous Sin", and which will show at the King's Theatre on Wednesday next.

Brown's first play was filmed by Paramount some years ago. This was "A Very Good Young Man" in which Bryant Washburn was starred. Since that time, five other plays have become motion pictures. Babe Daniels was starred in his "The Exciters", Norma Talmadge did "The Lady", and Rudolph Valentino was seen in "Cobra". "Great Music" was filmed with Richard Barthelmess in the starring role.

Brown's first play to reach the talking screen was "Paris" in which Irene Bordoni and Jack Buchanan carried the leading parts.

"The Job" was recently purchased by Warner Brothers for an Emil Jannings vehicle.

Ever since "Cobra" was filmed, Brown has received offers to write for motion pictures. Living in Monte Carlo and enjoying the solitude as a place to write his plays, Brown never seriously considered accepting work in screen writing.

Last fall, however, he was called to New York for a conference about a new play of his. After settling his business, he was selected to join the Paramount writing staff. He came to Hollywood recently and, after studying talking film making, began work on "The Virtuous Sin".

You've heard about the canary who was eaten by a cat, no this will be about a gold-digging Hartz Mountain roller who sang a love finale to a charming and romantic scene between Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

It happened during the filming of "Merely Mary Ann," the famous screen lovers' latest starring picture for Fox Films, opening next Saturday at the King's Theatre. "Dickie" plays an important part as Janet's pet

and the little songster would burst into thrilling cascades of melody on almost every occasion except when the cameras, lights and microphones were focussed upon him.

Finally, Director Henry King recalled that "Dickie" always greeted the sun in the morning with a joyous aria, so he arranged for a special scene to be taken at daybreak, and sure enough the curling of the microphone which belled into the microphone came almost as an apology for his impudence which had frustrated the sound men for days.

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran in "Politicks".

"Politicks," which brings Marie Dressler to the Queen's Theatre in her first picture as a full-fledged star, is unique in that it gives her equal opportunity as a comedian and a dramatic actress. In it she makes laughs as in "Reducing" and "Caught Short" and at the same time rises to dramatic heights as in "Anna Christie" or "Min and Bill".

The new picture is a comedy drama of political life. Miss Dressler plays a housewife who, goaded to action by conditions in her town, runs for mayor, organizes the women's vote and drives out gangster rule. Polly Moran plays her political manager and aide in battle.

Charles E. Riesner who filmed "Caught Short" and "Reducing" directed the new picture, in which a notable cast includes Robert Aitken, as the comic baritone, Robert Aitken, recently seen in "No Man's the Town Shall Meet" and William Powell in "All Quiet on the Western Front" and other hits, are the romantic leads, and John Miljan, noted in "The Secret Six," is the gangster ruler.

The story is an original by Zelma Sears and Malcolm Stuart. Roylan. It was adapted by Wells Root and dialogue by Robert E. Hopkins.

High spots include Miss Dressler's dramatic denunciation of the crooked mayor in the political rally, her defiance to the gang leader, the attempt of the husbands to break up the women's rally which ruins Marie's speech, her retaliation by calling the women of the town out on strike against their husbands, the comical torchlight procession, the formation of the vigilance committee, and the arguments between herself and Miss Moran.

While most of the story is screamingly funny, the tense dramatic moments include Miss Dressler as a character actress of compelling screen. The picture was produced lavishly with one of the largest exterior sets ever built and hundreds of people appear in the torchlight procession, political rallies and other dramatic high spots.

Buster Keaton film.

Professional Japanese wrestlers found that an American comedian star knew all their tricks, when the experts were engaged to teach Buster Keaton for his wrestling sequence in "Side-walks of New York" which will come on Friday to the Queen's Theatre.

The experts were brought to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to help work out wrestling holds, which Keaton was then to burlesque for the sake of comedy. Buster proceeded to show them some wrestling holds, and finally they agreed that the comedian knew as many tricks as they did.

"Part of it I learned on the stage as an acrobat—from part from wrestling when I was in the army," explained Keaton.

The new picture, directed by Jules White and Zim Myers, is a comical romance of life in the New York tenement districts. Keaton is cast as a millionaire's son who falls in love with a tenement girl and tries to control her tough younger brother for her sake.

It starts a gymnasium, tries to be a big brother to the youngsters of the neighbourhood and complications result fast and furious. He gets in trouble when he tries to stage a wrestling match, more when tries to be a boxer as a good example to the youngsters—and then a gang leader marks him as prey and his dodging bullets when he isn't dodging other woes.

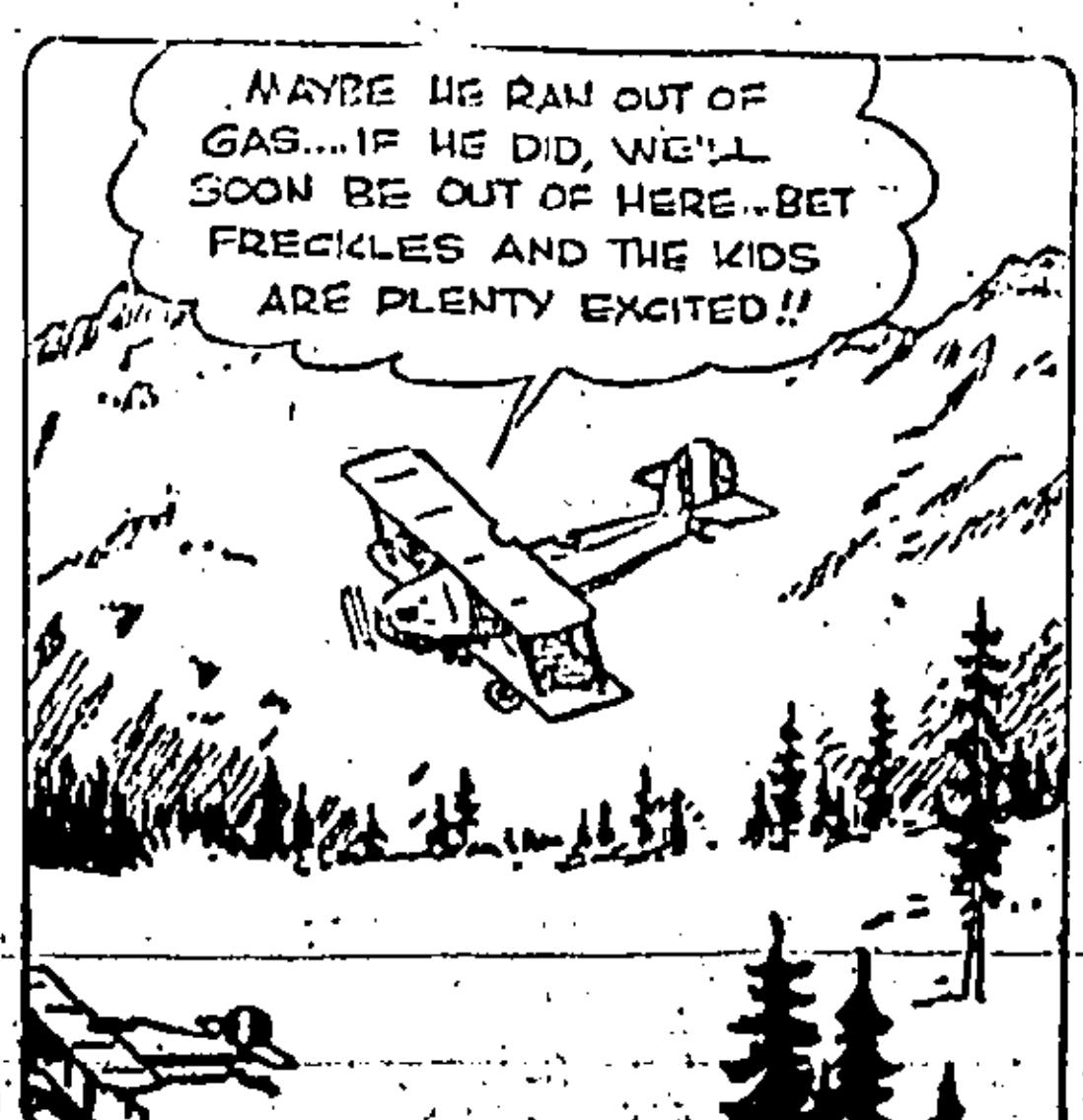
Anita Page plays the heroine and Eddie Edwards a scoundrel, the comic valent. Norman Phillips, Jr. plays the principal juvenile role as Clipper, the tough younger brother, and Frank Rowan is the father. Eddie Marshall and others are in the cast, in which some two hundred small boys appear in hilarious chases, fights and other laughable incidents.

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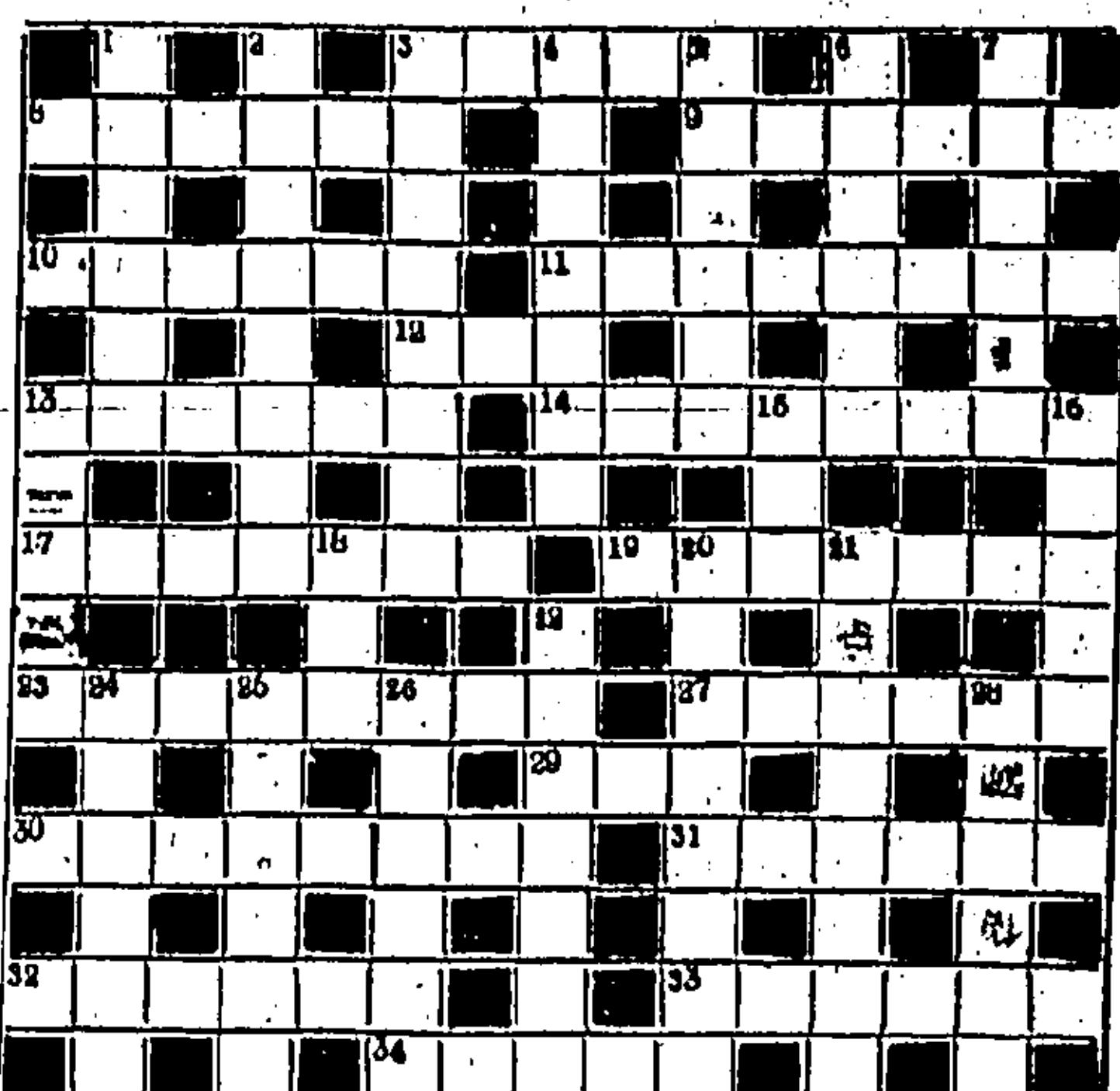
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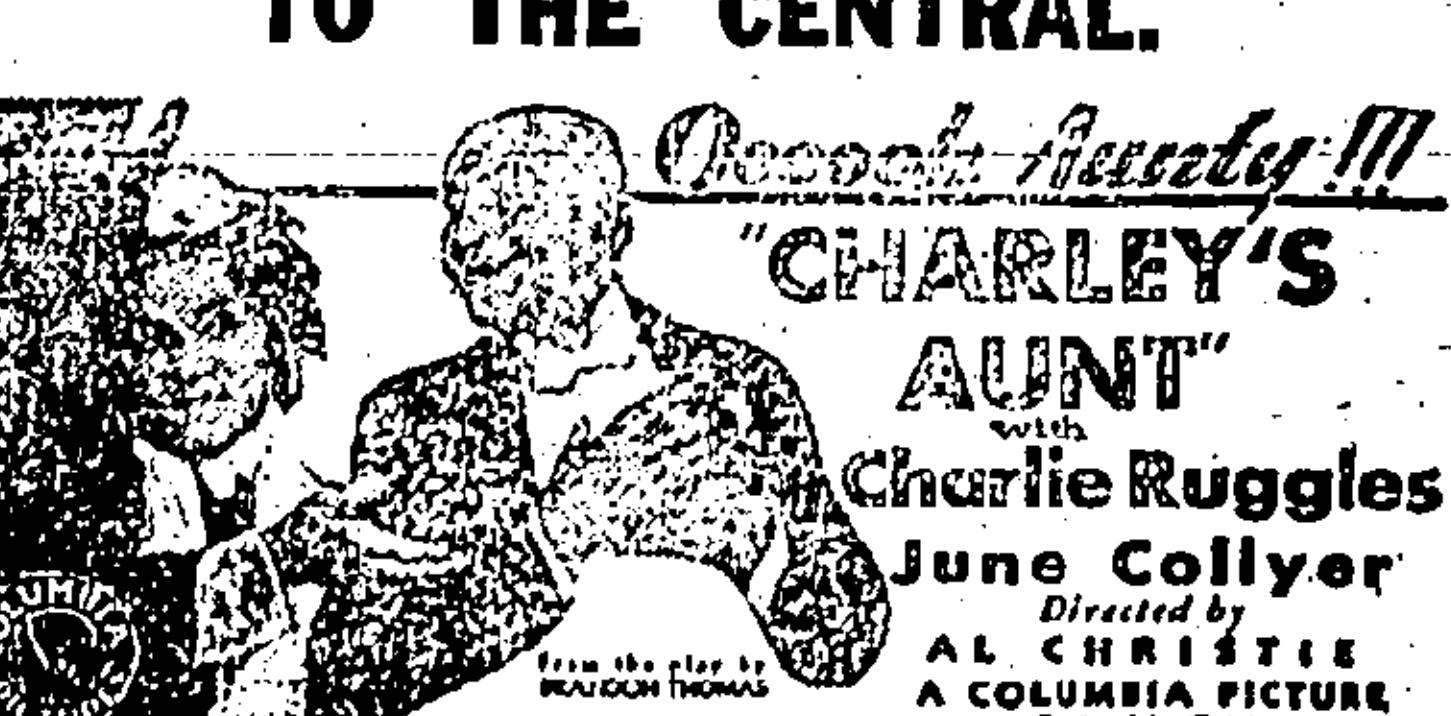
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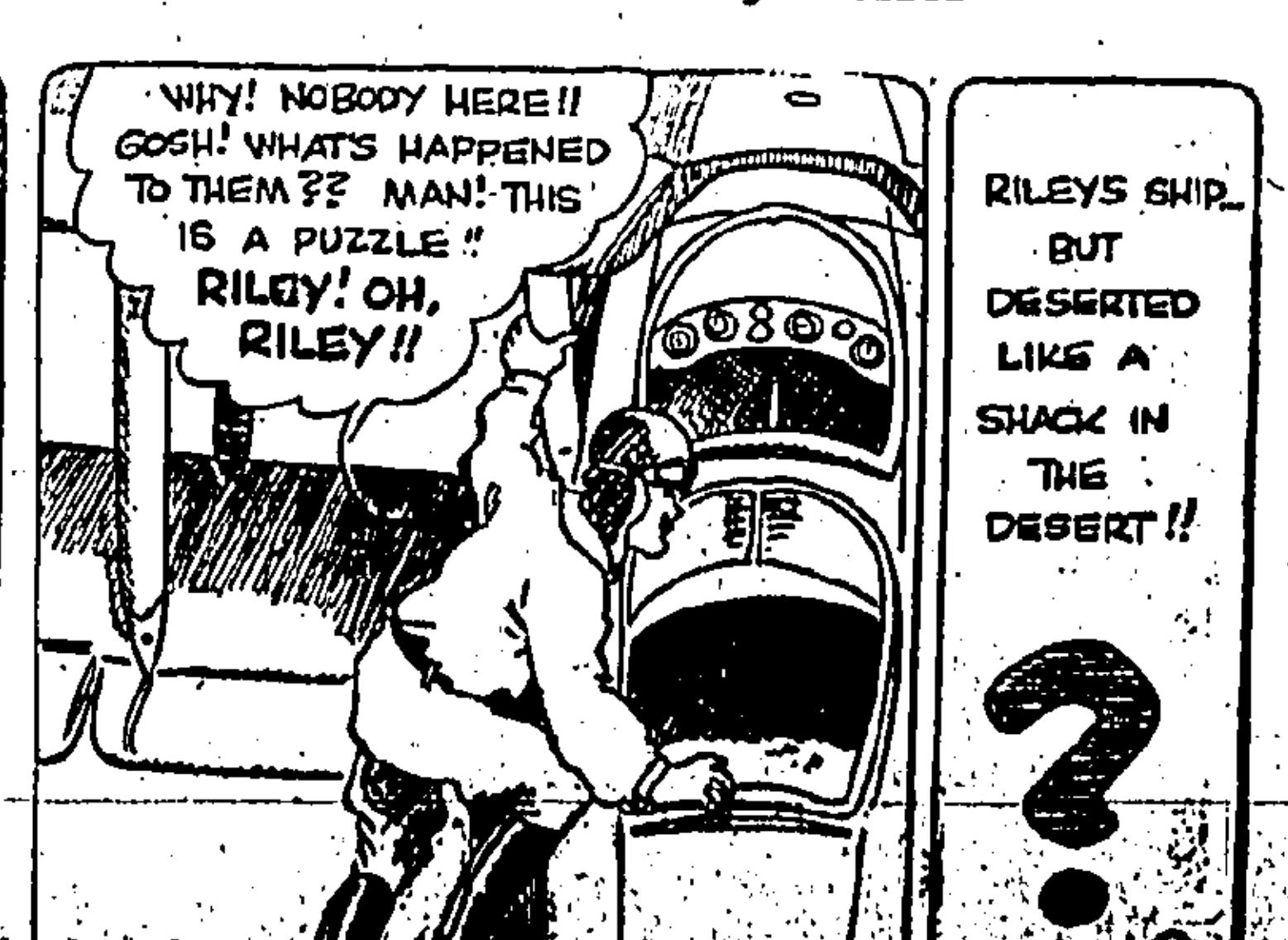
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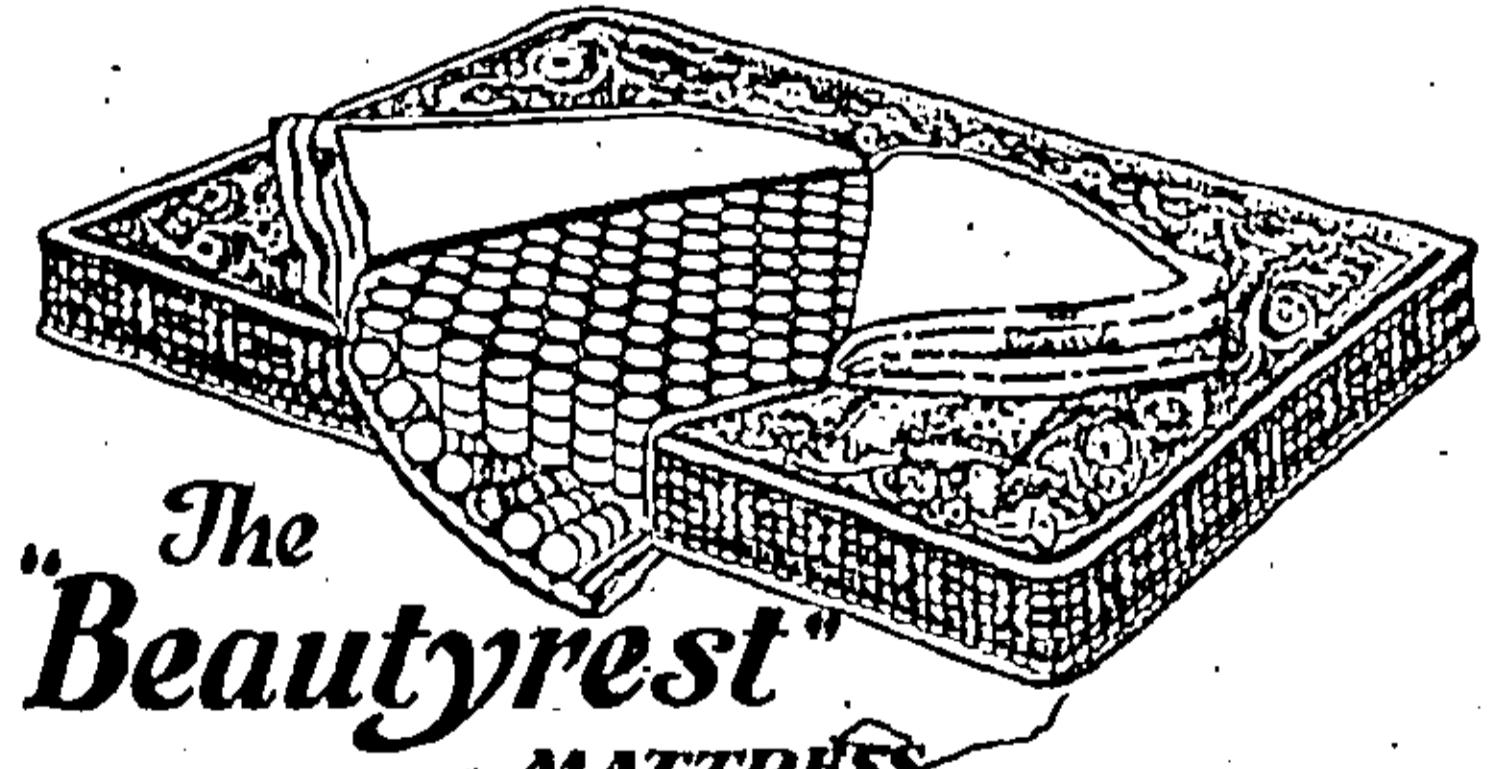
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### THE COTTON INDUSTRY PROBLEM.

The Lancashire cotton industry problem is still receiving considerable attention on the part of those who are directly concerned with its future. A many-sided issue, it is by no means easy to handle, and the opinion is growing that it ought long ago to have been tackled by a powerful body authorised by Act of Parliament to deal with it in all its aspects. Handling the problem piecemeal results in it being handled badly, for the principal reason that no section seems prepared to make sacrifices unless parallel concessions are made by the rest.

The fact is realised that the British cotton trade has permanently shrunk in dimensions, quite apart from the general world depression. It has to be remembered that cotton manufacture is, in the cheaper branches, well suited for carrying on with cheap labour and almost fool-proof machines, so that no conceivable reduction in Lancashire's costs can go far enough to win back a large part of the lost markets. The Far East, with its infinite supply of cheap labour, is bound more and more to supply its own markets, though at the moment Japan's energies may be employed on other matters. None the less, there is an obvious need for Lancashire to reorganise her methods, for unless this is done she may lose a great deal more than she already has done. Plant that has become definitely redundant and obsolete has to be scrapped; even if it were not done by collective action it would doubtless happen in the long run either by bankruptcy or obsolescence. It has been well pointed out, however, that the destruction of surplus plant will not in itself be enough to reduce costs sufficiently to secure an expanding world trade. Even the marked fall in prices which has followed the depreciation of the pound has brought with it only a relatively small stimulus to exports. The employers are trying other methods by wage reductions and "more looms per weaver," but these are not being favourably received by the workers. The elimination of surplus plant and the granting of a minimum wage must lead to the same result—the fuller employment of fewer factories and of far fewer workers. Perhaps half

of the workers in the cotton trade would in the end be completely squeezed out and compelled to seek employment elsewhere. In the long run, this is bound to happen, since the short-time system is uneconomic and will have to go. This is not to the liking of the operatives, admittedly, but realising that wages cannot be cut further, they see that, just as hurtful plant must be eliminated, so must surplus workers go. The biggest problem, however, is the writing off of dead capital, the unloading of the industry from its heavy burdens of bank debts and other standing charges. In dealing with some aspects of the industry's problems, compulsory powers are to be secured, but it would seem that whatever body is set up to deal with the issues, power should be given to deal with financial reconstruction in addition to the matter of surplus labour and wages.

### The Gold Standard.

The economic pundits are now waging a great argument. Was it necessary for Great Britain to abandon the gold standard? The latest contribution appears in the Chase Economic Bulletin, by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, who says: "The collapse of the gold standard in England was absolutely unnecessary." Arguing upon the ground chosen by Dr. Anderson the statement sounds convincing. Great Britain has been addicted to a cheap money policy—to a low interest rate—ever since it returned to the gold standard in 1925. According to the rules under which the gold standard operates, this was a mistake. A dear money policy was indicated as the only possible method of protecting existing gold supplies and of attracting new supplies. But to say that before Great Britain left the gold standard its bank rate should have been 9 per cent. instead of 4½ per cent. is totally to ignore the peculiar crisis which Great Britain underwent long before the larger crisis developed the world in 1929. In 1925 Great Britain elected to anchor its currency to gold at the pre-war parity. In order to carry through this policy, it was essential to reduce sterling costs, such as those represented by labour, to the level demanded by the higher gold value. Otherwise British goods could not compete abroad. Britain's problem, in other words, was the now-familiar problem of deflation, particularly in wages. The decision to raise sterling to its pre-war gold value involved heavy sacrifices for the benefit of the holders of internal debt, who, with every twist of the deflationist screw, found the pounds owed to them by their fellow-countrymen becoming ever more valuable. This extra value had to be provided by the debtor, or business, class of the community. The chief point of the attack was wages, because wages are the chief factor in production costs. To theorists like Dr. Anderson, this may appear as it did to Adam Smith to be no problem. But economic behaviour has nowadays a habit of puncturing the economic laws propounded by the theoreticians. This was the case when wage decreases brought on the general strike of 1926. Labour, ever jealous of its living standards, which had been won after much tribulation, refused to be deflated. It was so afraid of being "squeezed" that it ignored the fortuitous bonus it was constantly receiving by way of improvement in the buying value of the pound—conversely, of the fall in commodity prices. Between 1926 and 1930, according to the Macmillan report, wages in Great Britain rose by 8½ per cent. British industry was thus over-weighted with production costs arising out of swollen wages and fixed charges. The Bank of England tried to mitigate the burden by keeping the rates of working capital cheap. To have put up the rates to the levels mentioned by Dr. Anderson would have laid on industry a burden too crushing to be borne. Moreover, experience the last few years has shown that a high bank rate alone is not effective in maintaining the world's confidence in a country. Indeed, the high bank rate, like the high interest rate on a bond, may be looked upon as an admission that investment in that country carries with it a heavy risk. And it is doubtful, in view

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The Empress of Britain, now on a world tour, is due in Hongkong at 8 a.m. on the 11th instant.

The Empress of Asia is to leave here for Vancouver at noon on Thursday, instead of 8 p.m., as originally advertised.

It is notified that during the Chinese New Year holidays, a constant supply of water will be given in the river main districts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among the subjects to come before the members of the Sanitary Board to-day is one relative to the hours regulating the sale of fruit in the open markets in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledged the receipt of \$10 (Shanghai currency) as a donation to the funds of the Home from the ship's company of H.M.S. Sandwich.

A visitor at the Nanking Boarding House, at 80, Connaught Road Central, was yesterday removed to hospital after he had taken a large dose of Adalin, apparently with the intention of committing suicide.

The Bishop of Victoria on February 1, licensed in his private chapel, Rev. Gilbert Alexander Hook, formerly curate of St. John's, Upper Holloway, London, to missionary work in Nanking under the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society.

Strong rumours were current in Singapore last week to the effect that His Excellency the Governor and his successor had been appointed.

According to the story which reached the Straits Times, the departure of Sir Cecil Clementi had been fixed for March 3 and the reasons for the resignation were given. On referring the matter to the Colonial Secretary's office the journal was told "There is no truth in the report."

With a record of three previous convictions for picking pockets and simple larceny, a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield this morning on a charge of stealing 50 cents from a youth in Belchers' Street was sentenced to six months' hard labour and placed under police supervision for two years. The defendant and the complainant were in a house at 3 Belchers' Street where the offence occurred. The defendant was chased but managed to out-run his pursuers. On coming across a police officer, however, he slowed down and commenced to walk. The complainant who was stopped by a detective in the street, pointed out the defendant, who was then chased by the officer and arrested.

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## OVERNIGHT NEWS ON THE SHANGHAI CRISIS.

## JAPANESE RESENT SETTLEMENT DEFENCE PROPOSAL.

Tokyo, Feb. 1. While the suggestion for the establishment of a neutral zone at Shanghai meets with Japanese approval, the proposal that the Japanese "roughs" should withdraw into the International Settlement leaving the troops of the other Powers to take over the defence of the sector allotted to the Japanese is considered impossible owing to the reaction of national sentiment here.

Recounting the implication that the Japanese are aggravating the situation by their actions, official circles here contend that the Japanese are doing no more than playing their allotted part in the general defence scheme.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Japan welcomes the report that British and American reinforcements have been despatched to Shanghai, asserts a Foreign Office spokesman.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Blame "Roughs."

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

Frankly admitting that there have been some instances of excesses committed by Japanese "roughs" at Shanghai, official circles here declare that the Japanese authorities are doing their utmost to control them, dealing with them sternly, and have already deported two dozen.

Officials do not attempt to conceal their apprehension lest these disorderly elements aggravate the situation by activities embarrassing to the Japanese authorities.—*Reuter*.

## Exodus of Japanese From Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 1, 7.45 p.m. Some 300 Japanese women and children left this morning on the Nagasaki Maru. The next Japanese steamer leaving is the Shanghai Maru, and it is booked to the limit.

About 5,000 Chinese are now staying in the South railway station premises, waiting for transportation to places on the S.H.N.R. line.

Altogether 20,000 Japanese troops are expected on Wednesday, the Consul has cabled to Tokyo requesting the "dispatch" of three divisions.

The Japanese members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps who, although uniformed and mobilized members of the Corps, joined the Japanese entry into Chapel, have now returned to duty under the S.V.C.

## Emergency Measures.

Compulsory requisitioning of buildings is being considered. Shipping companies have been requested to instruct their vessels to buy foodstuffs for their own needs at other ports.

The Fire Brigade and ambulance service has been interfered with by Japanese, several firemen being injured at Hongkong.

The Senior staff officer of the Japanese naval force has now issued an order prohibiting members of the Self Protection Corps and reservists from assisting the military, and ordered them to cease functioning in the Settlement services in future, behind the front or on guard duty. The navy will deal severely with violators of the order.

## More Firing.

There was firing this morning in the vicinity of Heskell Road. The Japanese are becoming increasingly incensed, and this morning mounted a machine gun manned by six men at Tindall Road opposite the post office. The guns were trained towards the Szechuan bridge, in fear of the approach of snipers from the direction of the Central district. They also cleared North Szechuan Road of pedestrains and vehicles.

The Japanese casualties are estimated at 180 killed and wounded this morning. Should the Chinese offensive continue, Admiral Shiosawa threatens to act without awaiting Tokyo's instructions.

## Foreign Forces.

The 31st Infantry, of 1,200 men, are en route from Manila. Rear Admiral Taylor is bringing the Houston with eight destroyers and 300 Marines on Wednesday.

A battalion of French infantry has been ordered here from Tientsin, and the cruiser Rousseau is en route from the south.

At 6.30 p.m. snipers were active in the vicinity of the Municipality.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## A Near Panie.

Shanghai, Feb. 1, 8.54 p.m. Mysterious rifle shots from the General Post Office, situated on Soochow Creek and the edge of Hongkow, where the Japanese are in control, caused a near panic this evening.

Apparently the sniper, presumably a Chinese, began attempting to pick off people in the street, and Japanese Marines rushed up, with machine-guns, with which they

## BRICKLAYERS AS ROBBERS.

## CONTRACTORS' OFFICE RAIDED.

Five men were concerned in an armed robbery at 357, Laichikok Road, the offices of the Hop Yick firm of contractors, last night.

Shortly before closing time, man made his way up to the cook-loft where Wong Yuen, the managing partner, was working at a desk in company with the accountant and other folks.

He was writing out a cheque when interrupted.

Following closely on the heels of the first man were four other robbers.

A packet of pepper was thrown into the faces of the assembled folks, while the managing partner and the accountant were forced to hand over their personal effects.

The latter had over \$170 which was surrendered to the robbers.

On leaving the places, the robbers parted company, but three of them were observed escaping up Laichikok Road. They are believed to be bricklayers engaged in "ruling the wind" in anticipation of heavy expenditure over the China New Year festival.

## STAR FERRY CO.

## BOATS EARN NEARLY FIVE LAKHS.

The report of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1931, states that the net earnings of the boats, after paying all working expenses, amount to \$447,981.02.

The amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after transferring \$50,000.00 to Reserve Fund, allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, and Depreciation, including \$2,836.98 brought forward, is \$431,376.87 which, with the approval of shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$2.00 per share, \$160,000.00; to pay a Bonus of \$3.00 per share, \$240,000.00; to carry forward, \$81,376.87.

Directors.—Mr. H. H. H. Priestley retires according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A. C. A., who offers himself for re-election.

## SERIOUS SITUATION AT HARBIN.

## JAPANESE TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

Mukden, Feb. 1. The military authorities have decided to order the bulk of the Japanese troops in Manchuria to converge on Harbin, owing to the serious situation arising from the activities of Ting Chao's troops.—*Reuter*.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 7.22 p.m. For the purpose of exchanging views and attempting to clear up misunderstandings which appear to have arisen through conflicting reports, the American Ambassador will visit Mr. Yoshizawa again this afternoon.

Referring to Washington's representations, the Foreign Office spokesman declared that the American Consul General at Shanghai appears to have been misinformed on several important points, as the facts reported to Washington are at variance with those reported to Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

## Formal U.S. Protest.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. The American Ambassador, acting on instructions from Washington, has lodged a formal protest, verbally, against Japan's action in using the International Settlement at Shanghai as a base of operations.—*Reuter Special*.

## French Concern.

London, Feb. 1. A Paris message states that the French Government has expressed a desire to co-operate in efforts to safeguard the foreign concessions at Shanghai, and to co-operate in measures for ensuring the safety of Europeans in China.—*British Wireless*.

## Japanese Military View.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 10 p.m. Criticising Mr. Yoshizawa for requesting the Ambassador of Britain, America and France to use their influence to persuade the Chinese to withdraw their troops, military circles express the fear that to invite the intervention of these three Powers will stiffen the Chinese attitude towards Japan and increase the Chinese arrogance.

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Lo Wen-kan enquired where the fighting occurred, and the Consul General admitted in Chapel, whereupon Lo Wen-kan said that since the fighting occurred in Chinese territory, the Japanese were responsible for first invading Chinese territory.

The Japanese Consul then requested that the *status quo* in Shanghai be maintained, but Lo Wen-kan said normal conditions must be restored. The conference broke off without any substantial result being achieved.—*Reuter*.

## Military Conference.

Loyang, Feb. 1. Chiang Kai-shek is shortly undertaking a tour of inspection on the Peking-Hankow Railway, after which a military conference of himself, Feng Yu-hsiang, Yan Hsia-shan and Chung Hauch-liang is due to take place at Chengchow.—*Reuter Special*.

## BRITISH PRIVATES SENTENCED:

## SERIOUS VIEW OF PEAK THEFT CASE.

The recent larceny at No. 108, The Peak, the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennis, the local solicitor, had a further sequel before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon when the evidence was heard—against William Howells, one of the two privates of the South Wales Borderers, arrested in connection with the affair. The first defendant, Thomas Hughes, pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to a charge of stealing from a dwelling.

Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation) withdrew the charge of larceny against Howells and remarked that he would rely entirely on the charge of receiving stolen property in respect of certain articles which had been found in the defendant's locker at Mount Austin Barracks.

At the outset Mr. Murphy remarked that a silver salver which had been reported stolen and which had been included in the charge, had since been found by Mr. Dennis in the house. It had been removed from its original position but had not been taken away from the house. The value of the articles mentioned in the charge was, therefore, reduced from \$61.50 to \$55.50.

Outlining the case to his Worship, Mr. Murphy said that the larceny took place somewhere between 10 p.m. on Christmas night and 1 a.m. the following morning. Mr. Dennis was out at the time and unfortunately the door of the house had been closed but not locked. On his return he discovered that the articles mentioned in the original charge were missing.

## Defendants Arrested.

The prosecuting officer remarked that the action of the intruders was not altogether consistent with the actions of the usual thief to be found in Hongkong from time to time. He pointed out that the bed gave the appearance of having been slept in by the intruders while an ordinary dress suit tie had been tied into a bow and left on the carpet.

Included among the articles stolen were two war medals and photographs which were sent back to Mr. Dennis on January 5 in an un stamped letter for which the receiver had to pay 30 cents.

Nothing further was heard of the missing articles until the night of January 19 when the two defendants were arrested in Yau Ma Tei. They had apparently gone to a restaurant where they had had refreshments without being able to pay the bill. It was alleged that they offered some of the trinkets in payment for their refreshments but were ultimately arrested. None of the articles, however, were found in the possession of the second defendant.

The men were taken to the Yau Ma Tei Police Station and later escorted to Mount Austin Barracks where they were handed over to the Military authorities. The following morning the Police went to the barracks and searched the room occupied by the defendants. The second defendant's locker was locked and on being opened by a corporal part of the stolen property was found behind his kit. These articles were all identified by Mr. Dennis. An over coat was subsequently recovered from a pawn shop while a fountain pen was produced by the second accused.

Mr. Dennis gave evidence of identification of the property.

## Not Amusing.

During the hearing of the evidence, Mr. Murphy asked permission for Hughes to take a seat, and permission being given by the Magistrate, the accused sat down, smiling at his companion as he did so.

The Magistrate: There is nothing amusing about these proceedings, is there?

Hughes: No sir.

His Worship: No? Behave yourself then, sit down!

Detective Sergt. Fletchers deposed to a statement made by Howells on being formally charged at the Central Police Station. Howells said: You have us for larceny at 108 The Peak. Hughes and I pinched those things, but I do not propose to answer further questions.

When asked if he wrote the address on the envelope containing service medals sent back by post to Mr. Dennis, Howells replied in the affirmative, adding: You will find the rest of the stuff in my locker.

At the close of the evidence, Howells said he had no witnesses to call, nor was he making any statement, in affirmation or denial.

His Worship then replied that he had no alternative but to convict.

Similarly, Hughes, the first defendant, said he had nothing to say.

He admitted having been convicted for a similar offence in England two years ago.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. 5.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme. 5.00-6.00 p.m. (approx.) Relay of programmes of the West Wing of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., by courtesy of the Committee.

## 6.00-6.35 p.m. Concert Items.

Orchestra-Warblings of Eve (Richards). Orchestra-Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Shirkret). Victor Salon Orch: 10849. Song-Robin Adair (Keppel). Song-The Last Rose of Summer (Moore). Frances Alda (Soprano). Piano-Solo-Narcissus (Nevin). Piano-Rustle of Spring (Sinding). Hans Barth. 20121.

Song-The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow). Song-Moonlight and Roses (Black-More). John McCormack (Tenor). 1002. Instrumental Trio-Happy Days (Strelitz). Instrumental Trio-Herd Girl's Dream (Lubitsky). Neopolitan Trio. 19872.

## 6.35-6.56 p.m. Band Selections.

On the Go (Goldman).

On the Campus (Goldman).

The Goldman Band. 19703.

Electric March (Crescent).

American Army March (Ince).

Creator's Band. 19844.

Hall to the Orange and Oak.

Wow Wow (Green-Hill).

Illinois Loyalty March (Gould).

University of Illinois Band. 19836.

## 7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

## 6.56-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Keep Your Skirts Down.

Mary Ann.

Vocal Duet-If I Had a Girl Like You.

Aileen Stanley and Billy Murray. 19795.

Organ Solo-Dinah.

Jesse Crawford. 20000.

Humorous Song-I've Grown from the Cottonfield.

Humorous Song-The Parlor is a Pleasant Place to Sit in Sunday Night.

Frank Crumit. 19777.

Piano-Accordion Solo-Italian-Spanish Favourites.

Mario Perry. 20249.

Male Quartet-Tell Mother I'll be There.

Mixed Quartet-Sometime We'll Understand.

Trinity Quartet. 19877.

Song-Nightingale Song.

Della Baker (Soprano).

Vocal Duet-Listen to the Mocking Bird.

Alice Green and Raymond Dixon. 19889.

Organ Solo-Sleepy Time Gal.

Jesse Crawford. 19900.

Chorus-Just Around the Corner.

The Revelers.

Song-Behind the Clouds.

Gene Austin (Tenor). 199

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## BRADMAN'S 299!

## CARRIES HIS BAT IN TEST MATCH.

Adelaide, Feb. 1. Continuing to bat to-day, in the fourth Test match, Australia compiled 613, Bradman contributing a magnificent 299 and being not out at the close—just one run short of 300!

The South Africans had compiled 124 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Scores:

S. H. Curnow, c Ponson, b Grimmett	29
B. Mitchell, c and b McCabe	75
J. A. J. Christy, b O'Reilly	75
H. W. Taylor, c Rigg, b Grimmett	52
D. P. B. Morkel, b and b Grimmett	52
K. C. Viljoen, c and b Grimmett	0
C. L. Vincent, l.b.w., O'Reilly	48
N. A. Quinn, c Ponson, b Grimmett	12
A. J. Bell, not out	6
Total	108

Bowling.

S. J. McCabe took one wicket for	24
W. O'Reilly two for 74.	24
C. V. Grimmett 7 for 110.	75

Australia.—1st. Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Morkel, b Bell	82
W. H. Ponson, b Quinn	200
D. G. Bradman, not out	200
A. F. Kippax, run out	0
S. J. McCabe, c Vincent, b Bell	35
K. Rigg, c Taylor, b Bell	35
W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w. Vincent	21
C. V. Grimmett, b Bell	23
Hunt, c Vincent, b Quinn	23
W. O'Reilly, b Bell	23
Thurlow, run out	5
Extras	5
Total	613

Bowling.

Bell took 5 wickets for 142, Quinn 2 for 114, Vincent one for 110.	114
South Africa.—2nd. Innings.	64
B. Mitchell, not out	64
S. H. Curnow, c McCabe	51
J. A. J. Christy, b Grimmett	11
H. W. Taylor, not out	5
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wks.)	124

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## RECORD TENNIS ENTRY.

## EIGHTY TWO IN OPEN SINGLES.

Despite expectations to the contrary, last year's record entry for the Singles Tennis Championship of Hongkong has been exceeded on February 16, no less than 82 players will be taking part in the tournament. Last year there were 70 contestants.

In the doubles event, the support is not quite so good as in 1931, only 44 pairs are taking part as compared with 49.

The draw for these two championships has now been made, and as in previous years, the "seeded" method has been adopted. In the singles, S.A. Rumjahn, who has a bye in the first round, leads the top quarter, M. W. Lo figures in the second quarter, E.C. Finchler in the third and T. Honda in the fourth.

In the doubles, the only pairs seeded are E.C. Finchler and L. Goldman and S.A. and H. D. Rumjahn. The former appear at the top of the first half and the latter, who are holders of the championship, in the lower half. The complete drawing follows:

Open Singles.

Byes (top half):—S.A. Rumjahn	0
H. N. Chau, T. C. Monaghan, Tau	0
Yau-pul, L. T. Ride, H. D. Harkins	0
A. V. Gosano, Yew Man Kit, H. N.	0
Lo, T. E. Nash, E. W. Ralton, M. K.	0
Lo, J. Macmillan, S. E. Green, M. W.	0
Lo, Firdow, Chau, Y. V. Segalen, Tu	0
Tak-ham, A. H. Rumjahn, H. Y. Ho	0
Chu Chun-chu.	0

First Round.—R. Chan v Wong

Fuk-nam; Luk Chon-cheung v P. R.	0
S. Walsham; R. W. Wood v H. Lo	0
W. Wirth v C. L. Chan; J. W. Leonard	0
v H. J. Howard; G. W. Sewell v E. S.	0
Howard; A. E. P. Guest v D. S. Green;	0
J. J. Walshe v D. Mohomed; C. Stark	0
v F. H. Kwoh; E. C. Finchler v K. H.	0
Wong; J. J. Barrow v T. Hata; G. W.	0
A. Tufton v Lee Wal-tao; F. Gross	0
v P. C. Koh; Tau Wal-pul v S. A.	0
Gray; G. Lin v C. E. Holmes; H. D.	0
Rumjahn v D. D. McKay; Lee Wal-	0
tong v J. G. Lecky; A. L. Sullivan v	0
F. D. Pereira	0

Byes (lower half):—R. B. Hamby	0
and A. E. Collins; D. B. Evans and	0
G. E. R. Divett; M. W. and M. K.	0
Lo v H. N. Lee and Y. F. Chew; R.	0
W. Amery and J. Sloan; L. T. Ride	0
and A. L. Sullivan; S. E. and D. S.	0
Green; W. M. Barton and A. G. I.	0
Bowker; Y. V. Segalen and P. R. S.	0
Walsham; O. E. C. Marton and H.	0
D. M. MacDougall.	0

Open Doubles.

Byes (top half):—S. E. Green, A.	0
C. I. Bowker, C. C. Stark, B.	0
L. Harkins and L. A. Henderson, L.	0
T. Ride, D. S. Green, H. Owen Hughes,	0
L. G. Goldman, C. F. Hyde, J. A. Law-	0
son, C. E. Holmes	0

First Round:—F. A. Redmond v A.	0
H. McBride; L. Forster v L. M. S.	0
Lloyd; D. Humphreys v W. M.	0
Barton; V. R. Gordon v D. B. Evans;	0
L. Sullivan v G. Lecky; D. J.	0
Valentine; T. C. Monaghan; D. J.	0
McBride; A. H. Harkins	0

Byes (lower half):—S. O. Hill, G.	0
W. A. Tufton, M. H. F. Waring, H.	0
J. S. Scull, J. J. Waite, G. W. Sewell,	0
D. M. MacDougall, P. R. S. Walsham,	0
R. M. Wood, E. T. E. Nash, Y. V.	0
Segalen, R. R. Todd, J. J. Barrow.	0

Club Championship.

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L. G. Goldman, C. F. Hyde, J. A. Law-	0
son, C. E. Holmes	0

First Round:—Lee Wal-tao and	0
Lee Woon-tao v M. H. F. Waring	0
and C. P. F. James; F. Gross and R.	0
Chou v Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit;	0
A. Minu and A. H. Madao v Lee	0
Wal-tao; and Luk Ding-cheung; H.	0
Lo and Tu Tak-ham v D. M. Mac-	0
Dougall and G. W. A. Tufton; C. F.	0

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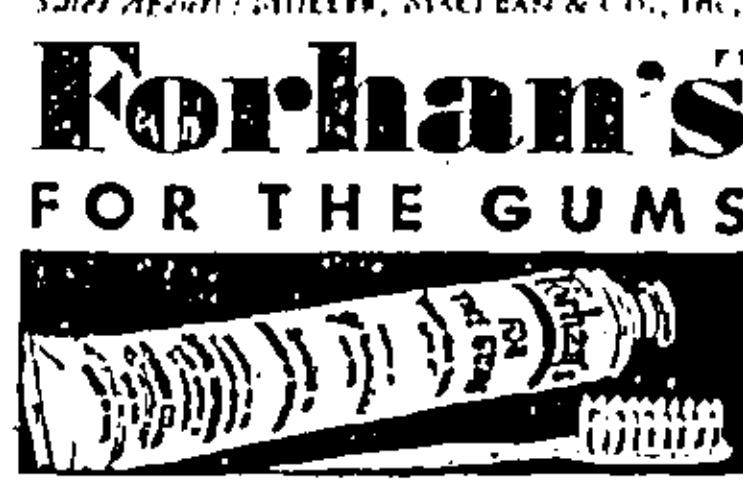
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### LOCAL YACHTING.

#### RESULTS OF THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

This eighth Ladies' Championship race was sailed at the R.H.K.Y. Club yesterday, resulting as follows: Course, Lyman Beacon (P), Cut Rock Mark (P), Channel Rocks (P); distance, 7.7 miles.

"H" Class.

Total pts.  
Bella 41 Mrs. Bingham  
Rita 70 Miss Larsen  
Helen 68 Miss Weston  
Ardith 61 Miss Mackie  
Dorothy 59 Mrs. Pearce  
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**GEMS OF PERIL.**

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You can actually see them out here sometimes. The breeze has gone down, too, and that's always a sign. And the barometer's dropping. Don't believe it will be much of a blow coming from that direction, though. I sure wouldn't want to see much wind, with me stuck up here on this reef like this."

"How are you coming on that radio?" the other asked crossly. "It's making the youth beside him directly responsible for it."

But the sailor continued cheerful. "Sparks told me there wasn't a chance to get it working. Somebody's jimmied it proper. He thinks we'll just have to stick it out here until some fishing party comes along or the patrol comes around to check up on the light. Captain said we'd wait another day and then if no one showed up he'd send a couple of men along the keys in the dinghy."

"You mean you could make it to Key West—90 miles—in that?" De Loma pointed down at the small tethered rowboat bumping awkwardly about beneath the stern.

"Sure. If the weather held good. When you got tired of rowing you could just beach her on a key and take a rest. They're only a few miles apart. And farther in you'd be bound to pick up a fishing party that would take you on to get help."

"Why hasn't someone tried that before this?" De Loma demanded. "We've been out on this reef in this damned sun for four days."

"Well, you see, this is the only good boat. That oakshell up there (Mary held her breath as they turned to look up at the bulkhead behind which she was cowering) isn't any good—that is, for much of a row. And we'd have to take the only two pairs of oars we have. If a storm should come up and the party out to get you to Ford Jefferson, it would be tickled business in that tub."

Crouched under the boat, she had been too intent on the conversation to notice the little black cloud which the sailor had spoken, which had grown until it covered half the western sky. An occasional spurt of wind ruffled the sea, which otherwise lay glassily quiet under the moon.

The two men apparently became conscious of the approaching storm at almost the same moment. "See? What did I tell you?" the sailor pointed. "Here she comes. It won't be a bad one because you can see the edge of it there along the horizon, but it will be plenty damp while it lasts. Better get under cover, sir. I've got to get my oinking."

The Fly stood where he was after the other had gone, staring at the rolling-up mass of cloud. Suddenly he snapped his fingers, straightened with sudden decision and she saw him take something from his pocket. There was a sharp click, then he melted along the deck in the same noiseless way he had come.

A wisp of stray cloud flying ahead of the storm blotted out the moon just then. Mary scrambled from her hiding place and ran back along the top deck. There was still light enough to see that the deck below her was deserted.

What ought she to do? Rouse Bates? Was it really the click of a cartridge chamber she had heard, or might it have been the snapping shut of a cigarette-case? Hardly that—for the only other smoker on board was Bates, and that young man would have swallowed his available supply of tobacco rather than share it with The Fly.

While she hesitated, the first

**A NEW ARRIVAL.**

DUTCH VESSEL'S FIRST VISIT.

A new arrival in port yesterday was the Dutch vessel Abbecker, which arrived from Sabang, under the command of Captain Fries. She carried a general cargo of 1,000 tons for Hongkong, and 0,150 tons of through cargo.

The Abbecker is a steel screw vessel, fitted with electric light and wireless. She has a gross tonnage of 6,000 tons and a net tonnage of 4,132. Her measurements are as follows: length 472.5 feet; breadth 26.5 feet; and depth 29.9 feet. Her port of Registry is The Hague.

The Abbecker is owned by Vereenigde Nederlandse Scheep Mants, and her Hongkong agents are the Java-China-Japan Line. She was formerly named the Morton Abbey, and later the Rheinland.

droops of rain hit her and before she could move the storm broke. The wind lashed at her clinging skirts which were soaked in a moment. She fled down the gangway to the comparative shelter of the lower deck. Breathless, she leaned against the bulkhead and pushed the wet hair out of her eyes.

The "Gypsy" was stirring unceasingly on the reef as the sea and wind pushed and tugged at her. As Mary felt her way along she passed Mr. Jupiter's window. His snore sounded even above the storm, but what was that other sound? Like someone stumbling against a chair.

The Fly was in there. She knew it. She could feel his presence. In the darkness of the room he must be able to see her head silhouetted against the opening. She turned and ran blindly back along the deck. She must get someone. Where was Bates' room? She had never thought to find out and now she wanted to know so desperately. Bates. She turned and pushed open his door.

"Bruce! Bruce! Get up! Someone's in your father's stateroom!"

"What?" Roused suddenly from sleep, Bruce sat up so quickly he almost knocked her over.

"The Fly! He's in your father's room. Quick!"

She had hated Bruce, but she could have kissed him for the quickness with which he grasped the situation. Leaping from bed, he stumbled an instant on the table, and was out the door. "Stay there!"

Mary was after him, though, before he could take half a dozen strides. As she rounded the bulkhead which hid Mr. Jupiter's door from that of Bruce she heard the heavy impact of two bodies, and two shots—so close together they seemed almost one. Something pitched headlong onto the deck at her feet.

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breath she stood still, too frightened to move, afraid to stop for fear of the unknown.

"Bruce!" she screamed suddenly, terrified by the stillness. As she started forward, a plunging form came out of the blackness, struck her and hurled her bodily aside. She was knocked off her balance, her head hit something hard and she slipped down in a dead faint.

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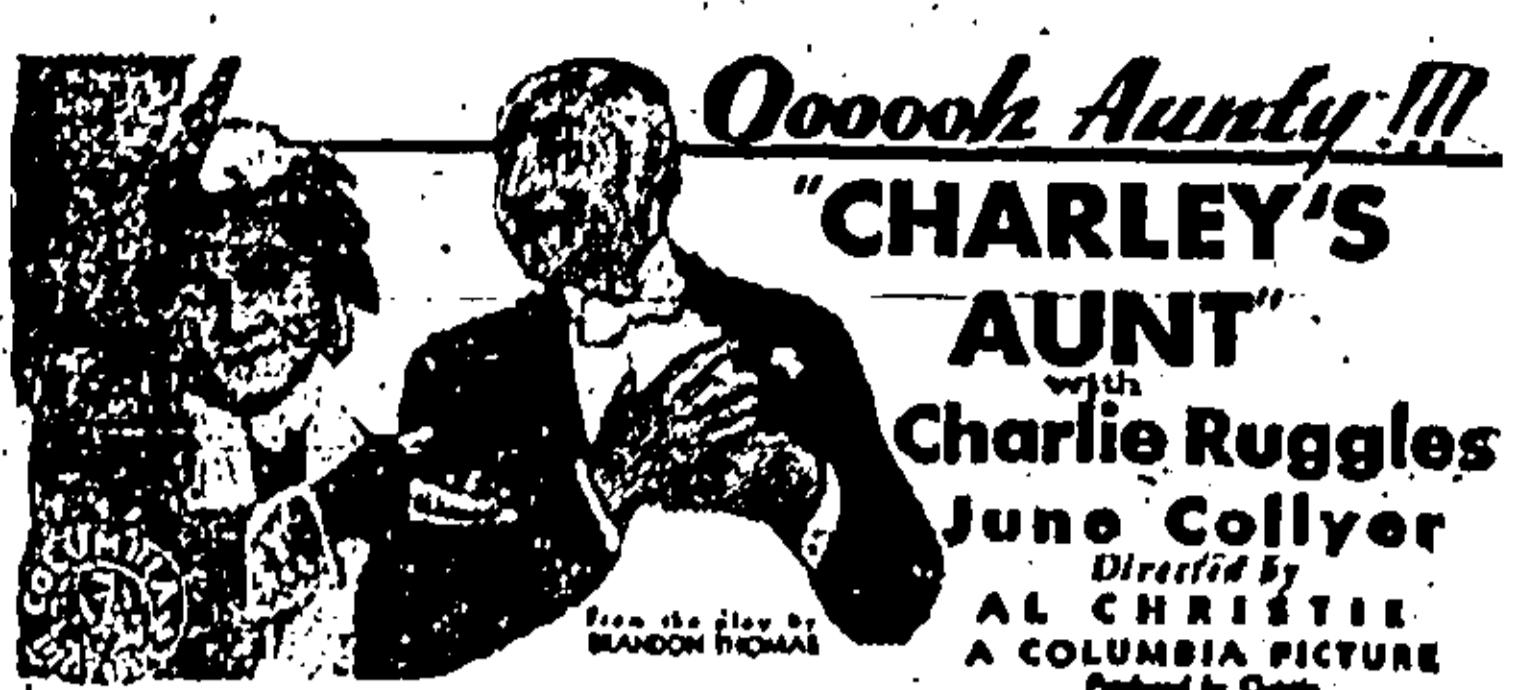
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"We want to pay some small tribute to Mrs. McLeod's service to this Church: her work in the choir was magnificent. She loved to sing in this Church and help us in the singing; this choir holds for us most sacred memories which should serve to lead us to the highest. The Sunday Evening Social Hour and all social events of the Church were also greatly served. She enjoyed helping and befriending servicemen in the Service Club. Whenever occasion arose she helped in the Cathedral choir, co-operating in any way she could to serve the community. She will be greatly missed in her home, where she was so devotedly loved, and also in this Church and in the community.

"Do you realize what we owe to such as these, and to the Church which nurtured them? The sympathy of the Church is extended to the family: we will not cease to pray that they may know the reality of the Divine companionship."

## OBITUARY.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF  
MR. S. E. DA LUZ.

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mr. S. E. da Luz, a very old resident, who had been member of the Staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for 30 years. He is survived by seven sons and five daughters and 30 grandchildren.

The funeral yesterday evening was attended by a number of relatives and friends, among those present being Messrs. J. S. M. Alves, F. M. Green, V. E. Soares, A. F. Osborne, J. Baptista, A. A. Alves, V. C. Rocha, B. Gosman, A. V. Barros and many others.

The many floral tributes included an artificial wreath from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. and wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. dos Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. R. da Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Figueiredo, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. da Silva and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mauricio, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, Local Staff P. and O. Bank, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reed and family, Portuguese Staff of Netherlands Trading Society, the Staff of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. and others from his sons, daughters and relatives, and other members of the Portuguese community.

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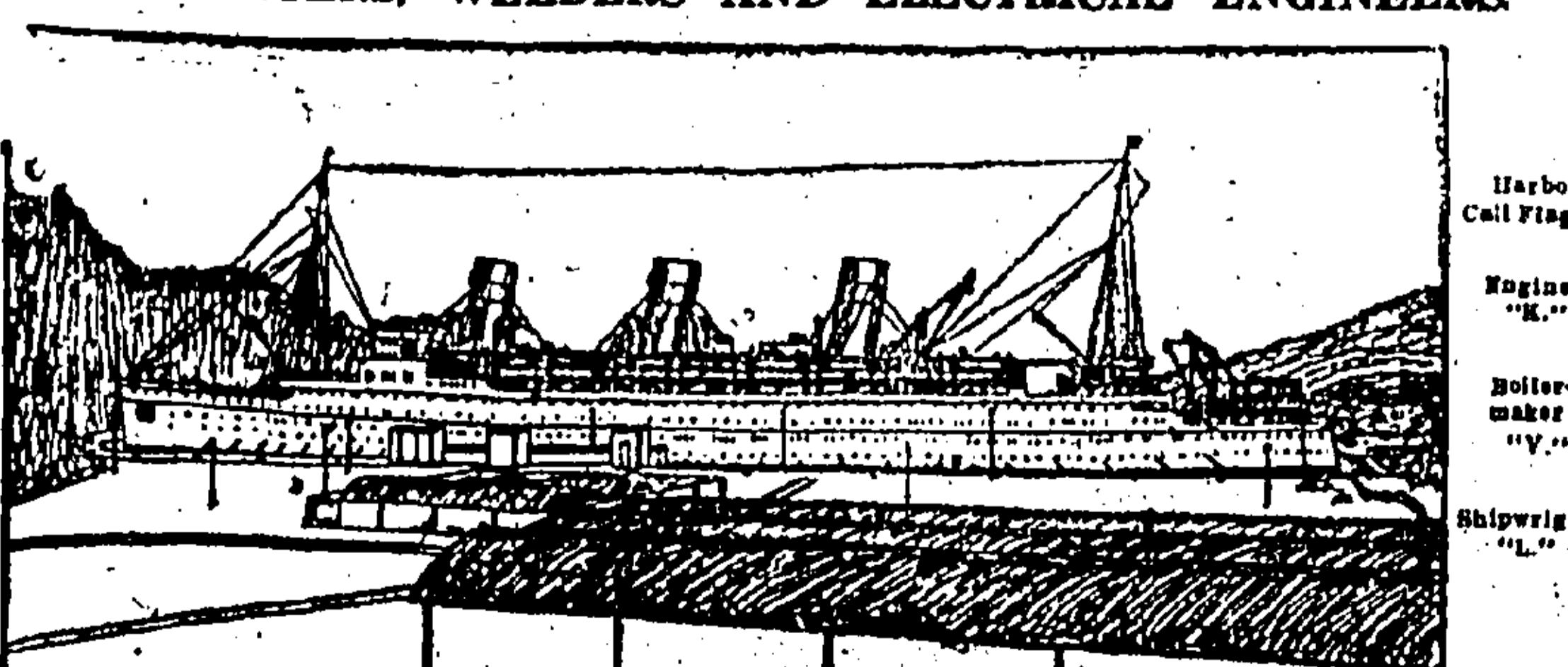
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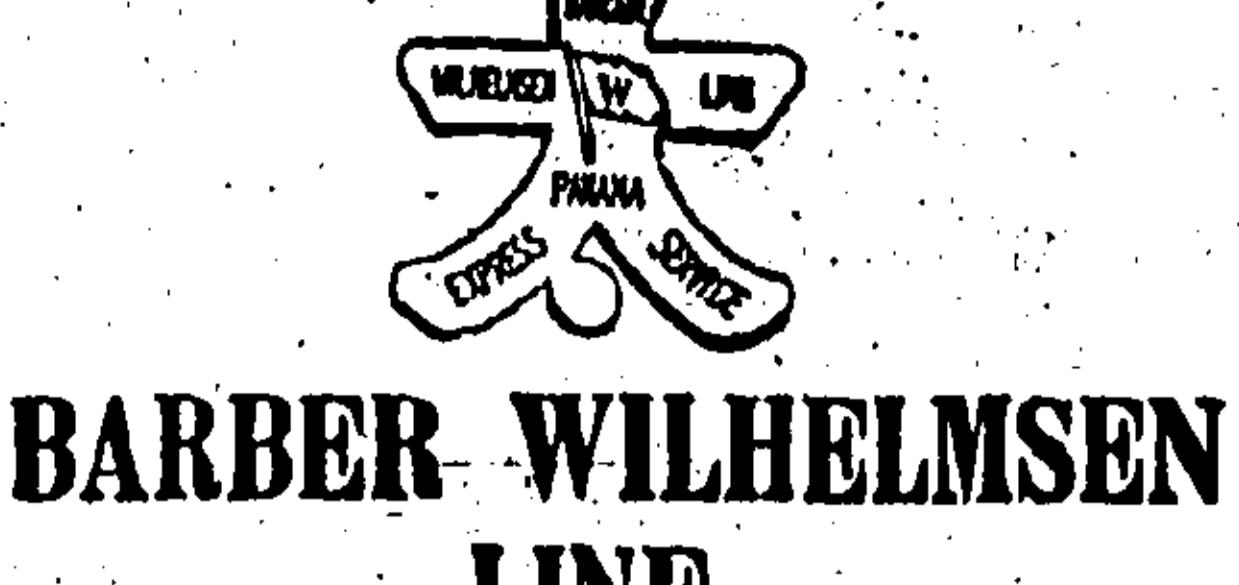
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Early the cleverest acrobats seen in Hongkong for many years, the Palomar quartette again provided the finest turn of the evening and this talented family of performers were given an ovation which was thoroughly merited.

The trick riding by Miss Williams and Jack Williams, who is known as the "bounding jockey," was greatly appreciated and their amazing feats on horses as they cantered round the ring were breathtaking but exhilarating.

The "Dare-Devil" Moscowites had the audience spellbound with extraordinary displays of teeth-suspending, while equally entertaining, and no less thrilling, was the cycle trick-riding of Delroy, Kitty, Millie and Charlie Frank.

Miss Palomar contributed one of the outstanding performances of the evening with some extremely clever tight-wire walking and dancing, and of course, Delroy was again to the fore with some neat juggling.

Chocolate, the irrepressible clown held the floor from the opening overture of the orchestra to the final bow of the lion-tamer, and his antics and drollery kept the audience highly amused.

After the impression he created during last week, the appearance of Little Peter was eagerly anticipated, and his clever fooling supplied one of the "hits" of the evening.

Mr. W. Harmston again revealed how well he had trained his animals to understand and obey his orders and the demonstrations by the horses and elephants were thoroughly appreciated.

### DARTMOOR PRISON.

#### THE FEARS OF FURTHER TROUBLE UNFOUNDED.

London, Feb. 1. A recrudescence of the trouble at Dartmoor Prison was expected on Sunday when all the prisoners were paraded together for the first time since the trouble for church parade, which, however, passed off without incident.

The soldiers have been withdrawn from the Dartmoor area, but there are still heavy police patrols in the district. These are stopping all motorists in the neighbourhood of the prison.

As a precautionary measure, a Lewis gun and crew have been left in the prison.—Reuters

Special Service.

### THE BIBLE UNION OF CHINA.

#### LOCAL BRANCH INAUGURATED BY DR. CLIFT.

Speaking at a meeting held last night at 240c, Nathan Road, inaugurating the Hongkong Branch of the Bible Union of China, Dr. H. Leachmore Clift, Corresponding Secretary to Kwangtung and Hongkong, stated:

Several years ago an Association was formed, among missionaries in China, to preserve the Old Faith and to take a stand on the full inspiration of Holy Scripture.

The object of the meeting this evening is to start a Branch of this Union in Hongkong.

Jesus said: "No man putteth new wine into old bottles" (St. Luke V, 37). This was an illustration of a Divine principle. We could not expect the truth of the Holy Spirit therefore to be enshrined in heathen myth, or mixed up with unreliable history; as the Psalmist says (CIXX, 160): "The sun of Thy Word is Truth".

We do not believe the Bible to be partly inspired and partly untrue.

In the same way God never makes the "old man" of sin. He makes him a new creation before pouring in His Holy Spirit.

Criticism Not New.

Biblical criticism is not new. Two thousand years ago the Sadducees accepted the books of Moses but rejected those of the Prophets. This method led them inevitably to limiting of Revelation, and they ended by denying the possibility of a Resurrection of the body.

Jesus said that even the limited Scriptures which they accepted disproved their theories, and he declared that their unbelief was the result of ignorance of the Word of God and doubts of His Power (St. Mark XII, 18-27).

Our Lord accepted all the Old Testament Scriptures. He quoted on one occasion the book of Deuteronomy three times when confronted by the Tempter (St. Matt. IV, 1-10). He said that if men would not hear Moses and the Prophet (i.e. the Old Testament Scripture), "neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead" (St. Luke XVI, 31).

St. Peter says (in St. Peter III, 15-16) that St. Paul was inspired in all his Epistles; and that it was ignorance which made men cavil at these "and the other Scriptures."

The Bible Union of China is not a Society to attack others, but to bind together all Evangelistic Christians who "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the Saints" (St. Jude, 3).

There was a very satisfactory attendance at the meeting, including the Rev. Mr. W. Stott, from Nanning, who spoke of the work of the Union in Kwangsi.

The organizers look forward to a long period of useful activity, and are gratified by the support received and the addition of new members of the Union.

### NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE WORLD.

#### CRASH OF THE GIANT METEOR.

An accident in the solar system of the type which may one day bring about the end of this world—is thought to be the cause of the giant meteor, which was recently seen over Lisbon.

The meteor, which passed over the town with a roar like an express train and lit up the country for miles around, is believed to have fallen in the Atlantic.

It is described as appearing to be three times the size of the moon as seen in the sky.

British astronomers, who are awaiting official observations from scientists in Portugal, say that the meteor belonged to no known meteor stream.

"It may be one of those accidents which happen in the solar system," said Dr. Whipple, superintendent of the Kew Observatory.

One belief is that giant meteors are lumps off the sun or from some other solar system which have been travelling through space for thousands of years, until finally they happen to hit our earth.

"It is quite possible that one day a really enormous one may hit the earth. It would be no laughing matter, for it would be the end of the world for us."

Some indication that this is a very real peril was given when the largest meteor ever known fell in Siberia in 1908, destroying miles of forest."

Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin, formerly president of the Royal Astronomical Society, said that despite the apparent closeness of the meteor to Lisbon it was probably 50 to 80 miles above the town as it hurtled towards the Atlantic.

An Astronomical Correspondent writes:

These very large meteors occasionally reach the earth's surface before they are disintegrated into vapour by the friction of our atmosphere. More frequently they are completely burnt up before coming within 50 miles of the ground.

When the great meteor fell in Siberia in 1908, the heat of the explosion fired the country around and laid waste hundreds of square miles of forest land.

Vast herds of animals were destroyed, but fortunately the district was not inhabited by human beings. One wonders what might happen if a similar visitation occurred in England.

An Indian watchman, named Asar Singh, was drowned in the harbour yesterday, his body being later recovered near the s.s. Venezuela, aboard which he had been employed.

### QUEENS.

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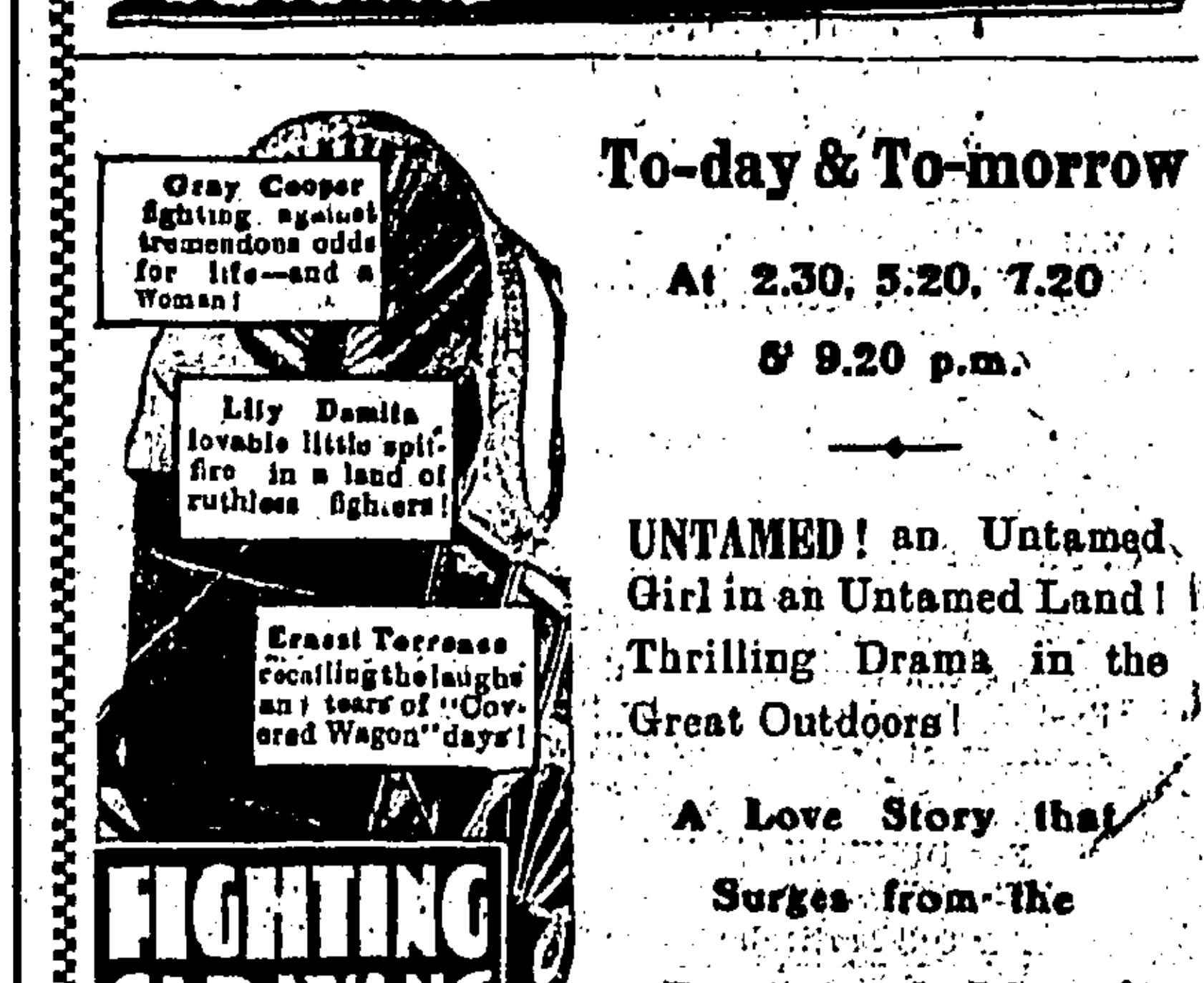


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HE HAD JUST  
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FROM HIS FIRST  
RAISIN MATCH  
TO PAY GUZZ  
BACK A  
MEASLY \$200  
OR THE  
\$1000 HE  
BORROWED  
WOW.

(SAM THINKS I'M JUST GONNA SIT  
BACK AND WAIT FOR THAT OTHER  
\$100, HE'S GOOFY! I'M MAKIN'  
MYSELF A BET THAT I COLLECT  
THE WHOLE AMOUNT OUT OF  
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ANY MORE ANSWERS TO THE  
CHALLENGES I WIRED OUT!  
DERE ALL  
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ME, SEMMY!

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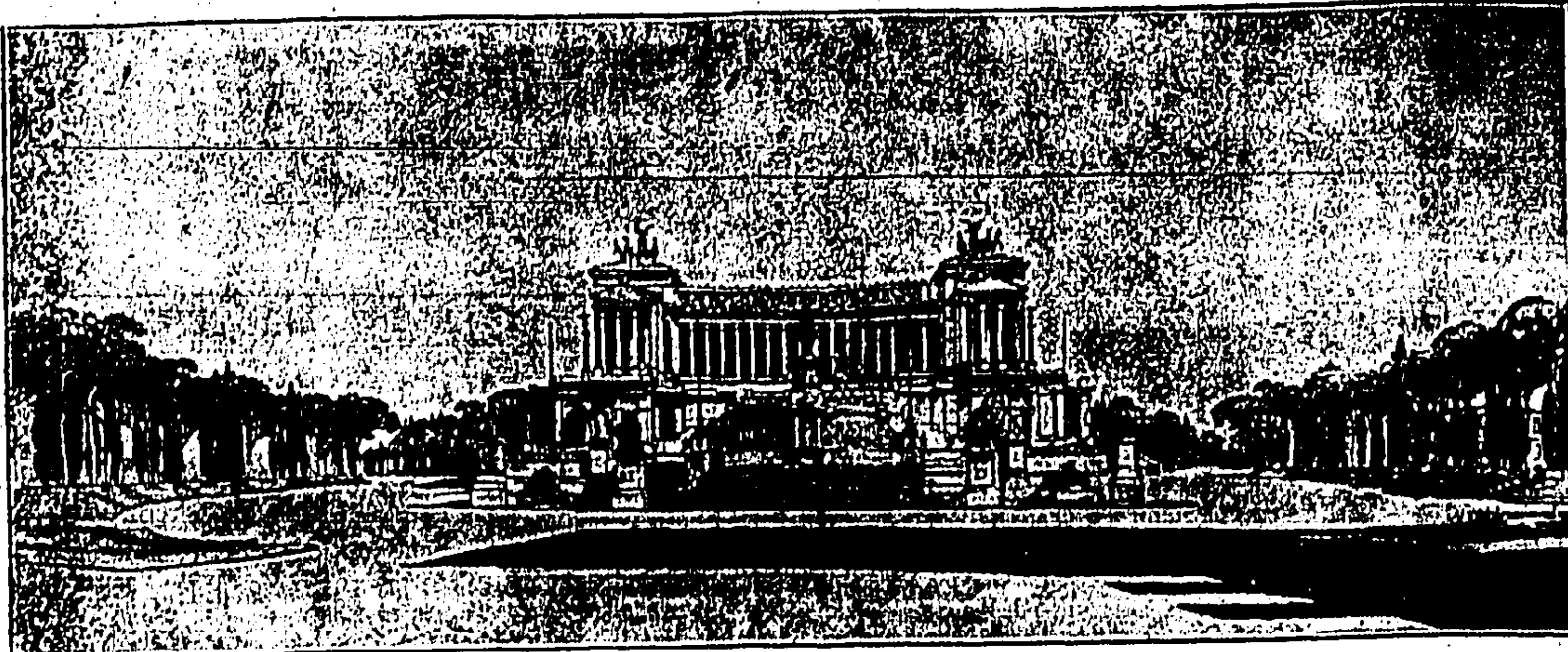
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A sketch illustrating Senator Corrado Ricci's plan for planting trees round the Victor Emanuel monument in Rome. In addition to the second phase, in the operations for isolating the monument, the opening of the new road which is to join the Piazza Venezia with the Colosseum has begun. (Times copyright).



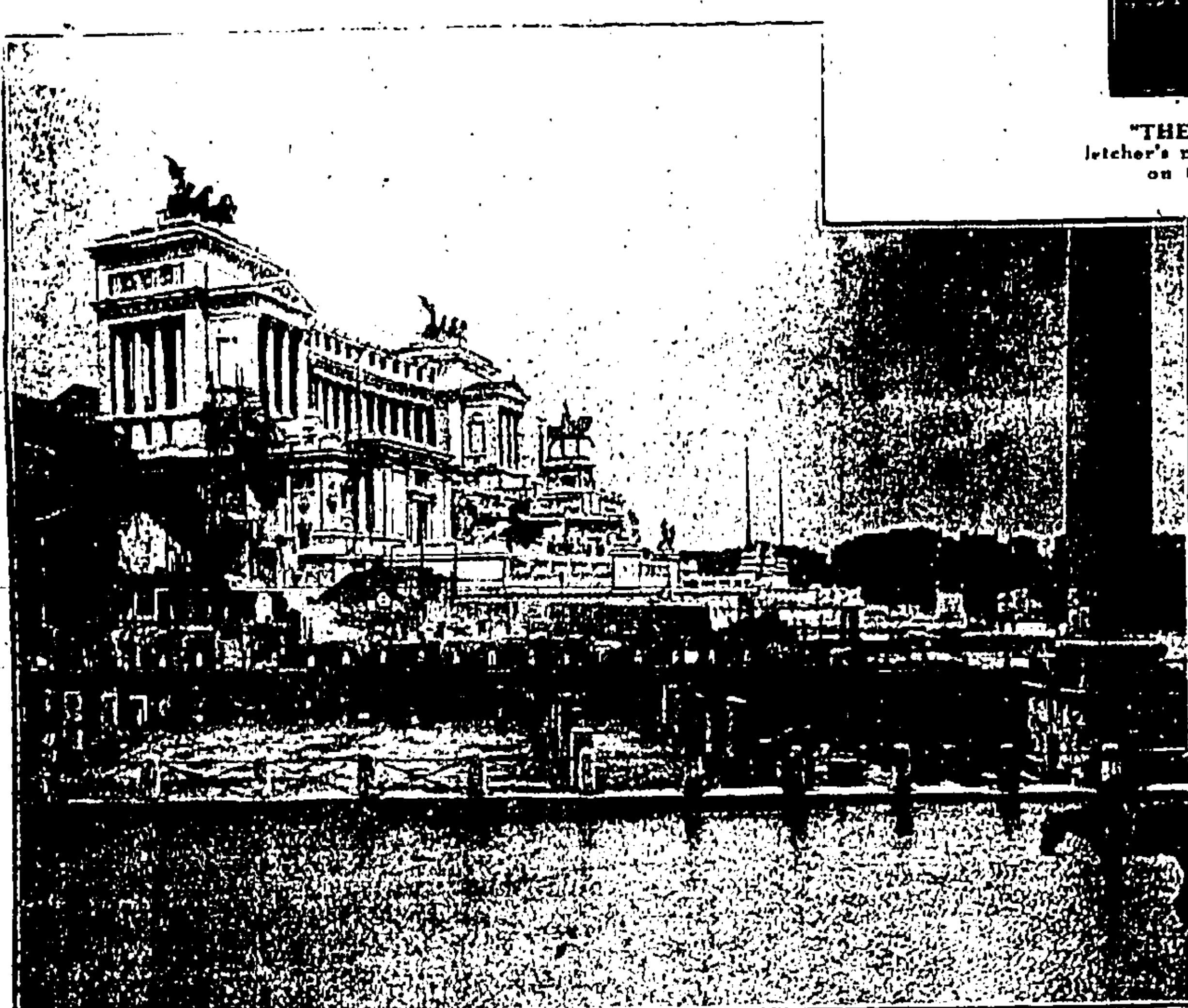
Douglas Fairbanks on the ski run near St. Moritz, Switzerland recently.



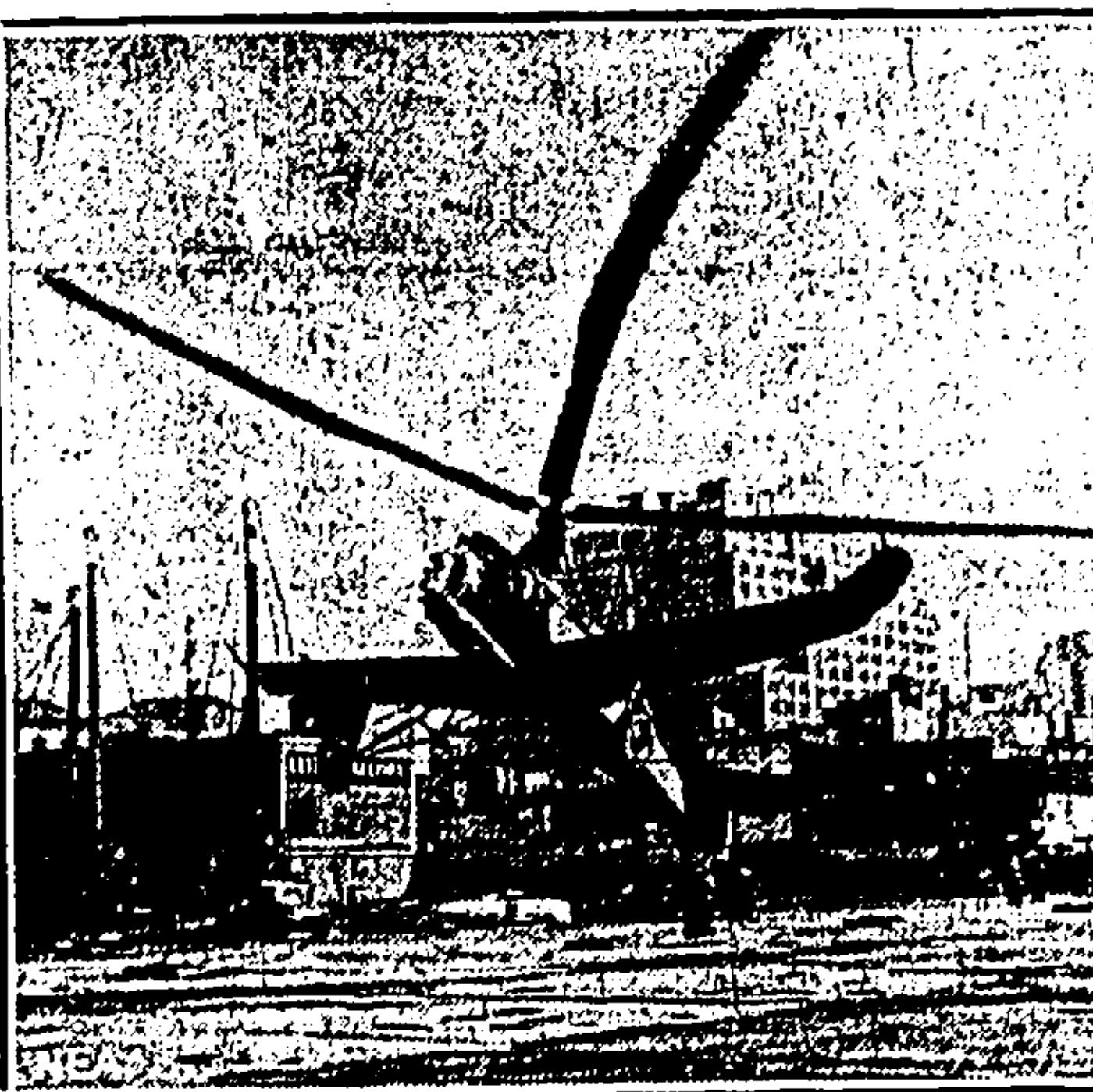
Car Wood, the American motorboat expert, made slower progress through the water when he took a spill from a skiff and had to swim for the shore. Photo shows the Commodore immediately after his ducking.



"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE". A scene from Beaumont and Fletcher's play, which is to be produced at the Old Vic. Miss Sybil Thorndike (seated on the right) takes the part of the Citizen's wife. (Times copyright).



The demolition of all buildings now standing between Tarjan's Forum and the Victor Emanuel Monument in Rome is now in progress, and our picture shows the houses have been demolished. The work is part of the scheme for the new planning of the city. (Times copyright).



The air, sea and land transportation represented in this picture may present a new form of taxi service. For the auto-giro is shown taking off from a New York pier, while it had landed amid trucks and automobiles. Its passenger was Juan Le Le Ciervo, inventor of the craft, who had just landed from a liner.

## Gems of Peril

HAZEL ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Mary Harkness plots to ensnare her brother, Eddie, with the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and run him down. She is aided by Mr. Jupiter and Bowen of the Star. Mary's fiance, Dirk Rutherford, believes Eddie is guilty and breaks with Mary when she will not give up Eddie. Eddie, however, is innocent. Eddie and Mary sail for Miami on the Jupiter to follow The Fly. Bruce Jupiter and Cousin Louise, a questionable friend, are on board. They have a row over Bruce's considerate a gold-digger trying to steal Bruce's inheritance. Bruce quarrels with Louise over a diamond bracelet she says belongs to Mrs. De Loma. It has been pawned for a loan. Bruce makes her give the bracelet to Mary, who discovers it was stolen from Mr. Jupiter during the night he was killed. Louise, introduced to the party by Count De Loma, who Mary learns is The Fly, using the Jupiter necklace as bait, Mary dances with him. He gets it from her a race, then kicks her. Dirk breaks his hand, injured and unconscious, Dirk is taken aboard the yacht, "The Fly." The Fly goes to the Bahamas. The invalid is taken to a hospital. Bruce gives Mary proof that the necklace is an adventure. The Fly realizes he has walked into a trap. The Fly goes aground on a reef. The heat, monotony and continual strife of old Fort Jefferson prison nearby drive The Fly nearly frantic.

### CHAPTER XLV

De Loma pushed Mary roughly to one side and leaned over the rail, peering down into the clear water. The moon silvered it so that it was like a mirror to one looking down from above. Bates jumped almost as quickly as The Fly had and seized him by the arm.

"What do you mean by speaking to Miss Harkness that way?" he demanded, shaking the other's

Three days passed, as like as peps, except for the heat, which grew steadily worse. The glare of the sun on the water was so bright it seared the eyeballs. The heat on deck was frightful but below stairs it was stifling. The tempers of all on board "Gypsy" were strained to snapping point.

The boat's master alone remained tranquil and appeared to be enjoying himself. Every morning, before dawn, he was out in the dinghy, sometimes returning with a catch, sometimes not. Bates stayed behind, smoking interminably. In the shade of the bridge, unobtrusively keeping an eye on things. There was no anger and pretence of association between the others. All were tense, waiting, while overhead, in a corner of the chart-room, the tinkering with the radio apparatus went endlessly on.

Mr. Jupiter remained seated. He was apparently unruffled by the mishap and called up to the bridge to Hendricks. The captain ordered two men over the side to dive for the necklace and in 10 minutes one of them had found it and returned it.

But the truce was over. Before long what remained of the party broke up. Bates walked with Mary to her stateroom.

"He gave himself away that time," he growled. "I wish I'd throw him overboard."

"He's like a crazy man. Why isn't he allowed to drink?"

Bates did not answer for a minute.

"A man who is—not himself—is hardly fair game," he said.

That night—the night of the so softly that she was not aware fourth day—Mary lay in her bed of it until he had gone. That staring wild-eyed into the dark was curious. Without stopping to think, she kicked off her slippers and slipped silently along the wall after him.

She tried to shake it off, but the sense of impending disaster was heavy on her heart. The crowded events of the last few days—Dirk's fight with De Loma, her fiery resentment for the necklace, his fiery resentment at being brought aboard the yacht, and then this unforeseen mishap—had been almost too much for her nerves.

It was breathlessly hot. Mary slipped on a thin black silk coat and stepped out on deck. Through the open portholes of Mr. Jupiter's stateroom came the sound of his heavy breathing. He, at least, could sleep, and she was thankful for that.

There was a faint breath of air—scarcely more than a stirring. She stood gratefully a moment in the black shadow cast by the upper deck, almost invisible in her black wrap. Back along the deck a stateroom door opened and someone stepped out on deck. Mary hesitated, uncertain whether to turn back. The other moved to the rail and stood there, apparently unaware of her existence. The girl stepped further back into the shadow and stood silent, waiting for him to go away.

Who could it be? She tried to estimate what door it was he had come from—Louise's door came first, then Bruce's, then De Loma's. He was not tall enough to be Bruce. He must be The Fly.

He stood a moment or two longer, then glided away down the deck.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the Eighteenth day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as Ordinary Resolutions:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) by deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit the above mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated the 28th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board.

I. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1932, to Thursday, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 12.30 p.m. on the same day and at the same place as and immediately after the before mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution thereof of the words "Five thousand Dollars".

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 p.m. on Friday the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRADWELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

## NAVY CONTRACTS, 1932-1933.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hongkong during the period 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933, will be received by the Victualling Store Officer, H. M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon, until noon on Monday, 15th February, 1932.

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HAROLD T. CREAMY,  
Water Authority,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1932.

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## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

## By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRADWELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

## "126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as nearly as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—"

I. a Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint

to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this

day of  
One thousand nine hundred and  
thirty.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,  
Secretary.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Banks \$1400 n.  
Chartered Banks \$12 n.  
Mercantile A. and B. \$18 n.

East Asia, \$127/2 n.

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Shan Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.

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Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.

South China Motors \$10 n.

Providents (old), \$5.30 n.

Hongkewa, Tls. 220 n.

New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/2 n.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 1/2 n.

## Cottons.

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Shan Lands, Tls. 30 n.

Humphreys' \$19 n.

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Tramways, \$22.50 n.

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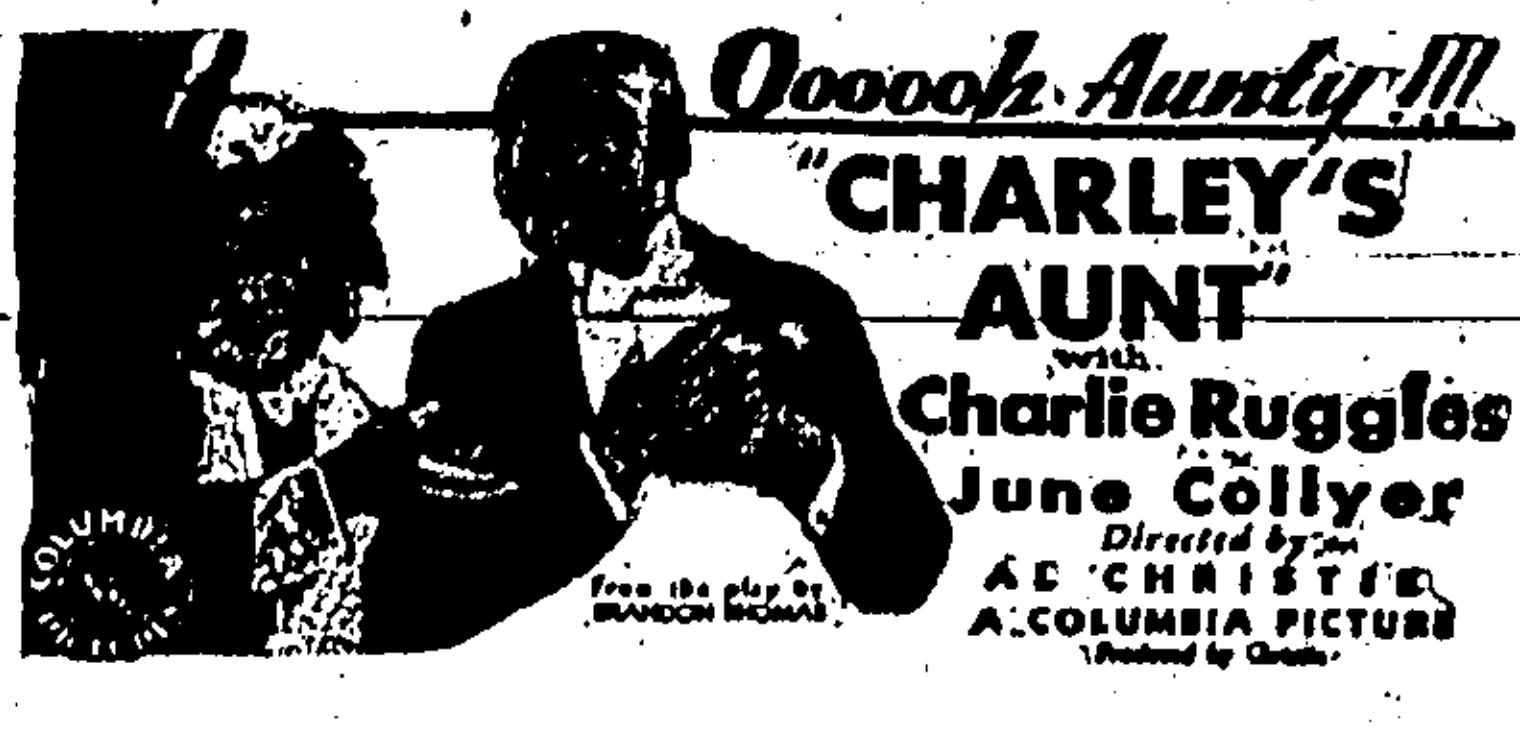
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## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

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Political intrigue—the theme as old as civilization, forms the story-substance of "The Secret Call"—combined of course with another theme, even older than civilization—romance. "Old, but darned interesting," as the fellow said.

This stirring drama, written by William C. deMille, and directed by Sturt Walker, has been giving patrons at the King's Theatre a more-than-usual amount of entertainment.

Aids from the high-pressure plot tension of the production there is no consideration interest in the appearance in the cast of Peggy Shannon, perhaps the most beautiful proponent of the art of flashing "it" that screen fandom has seen in many a movie moon.

Peggy Shannon was one of the lucky beauties picked by Ziegfeld for his "Polka" a couple of years ago. She next appeared in Earl Carroll's "Vanities" and then, played in 10 stage productions, gaining a valuable experience in dramatics. Paramount signed her for screen parts during her appearance with Ernest Truex in "Cap" in New York.

When Charlie Brown was taken suddenly ill a few weeks ago, Miss Shannon was quickly snatched into the void, an assignment which she filled without ever having had any previous screen experience. Under Walker's capable direction she has proved to be a real "find".

Richard Arlen plays the role of her lover in "The Secret Call". He is known as the son of William B. Davidson "the big boss" of a political party which has the city voters in its grip.

Miss Shannon's father, Harry Bresford, a minor politician, is made the "goat" of the organization through the shady operations of Davidson and his cronies, unknown to Arlen.

She gets a job as a telephone operator in a big hotel and thus learns damaging secrets about the political leaders. She is in a position to scandalize and wreck the "machine" and is about to vindicate her father's death when—a series of circumstances of a startling nature changes the entire aspect of her adventure. The picture ends happily for the lovers.

The cast includes some of the best character actors in the film capital. Ned Sparks, Ned Prouty, Charles Trowbridge, Jane Keith, Charles D. Brown, Larry Steers and Claire Dodd.

## "The Virtuous Sin".

Although six of his plays have been produced in motion pictures, Martin Brown did his first writing directly for the screen when he was assigned to adapt another playwright's drama for the talking screen.

Brown adapted and wrote dialogue for the Paramount camerization of Louis Untermeyer's play, "The General", retitled "The Virtuous Sin", and which will show at the King's Theatre, on Wednesday next.

Brown's first play was filmed by Paramount some years ago. This was "A Very Good Young Man" in which Bryant Washburn was starred.

Since that time, five other plays have become motion pictures. Babe Daniels was starred in his "The Exciters", Norma Talmadge did "The Lady", and Rudolph Valentino was seen in "Cobra". "Great Music" was filmed with Richard Barthelmess in the starring role.

Brown's first play to reach the talking screen was "Paris" in which Irene Bordoni and Jack Buchanan carried the leading parts.

"The Idol" was recently purchased by Warner Brothers for an Emil Jannings vehicle.

Ever since "Cobra" was filmed, Brown has received offers to write for motion pictures. Living in Monte Carlo and enjoying the solitude as a place to write his plays, Brown never seriously considered accepting work in screen writing.

Last fall, however, he was called to New York for a conference about a new play of his. After settling his business, he was selected to join the Paramount writing staff. He came to Hollywood recently and, after studying talking film making, began work on "The Virtuous Sin".

"Merely Mary Ann". You've heard about the canary who was eaten by a cat, so this will be about a golden-throated Harriet Mountain roller who sang a love finale to a charming and romantic scene between Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

It happened during the filming of "Merely Mary Ann," the famous screen lover, later starring picture for Fox Film, opening next Saturday at the King's Theatre. "Dickie" plays an important part as Janet's pet

and the little songster would burst into thrilling cascades of melody on almost every occasion except when the cameras, lights and microphones were focused upon him.

Finally, on a hot day, the sun beat the maniac with a joyful aria, so he arranged for a special scene to be taken at daybreak and sure enough, the carolling of the canary which wailed into the microphones came almost as an apology for his impudence which had frustrated the sound men for days.

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran in "Politics".

"Politics," which brings Marie Dressler to the Queen's Theatre in her first picture as a full-fledged star, is unique in that it gives her equal opportunity as a comedienne and as a dramatic actress. In it she makes laughs as in "Reducing" and "Caught Short" and at the same time rises to dramatic heights as in "Anna Christie" or "Min and Bill".

The new picture is a comedy drama of political life. Miss Dressler plays a housewife who, ganged to action by conditions in her town, runs for mayor, organizes the women's vote and drives out gangster rule. Polly Moran plays her political manager and aide in battle.

Charles F. Kiesner who filmed "Caught Short" and "Reducing" directed the new picture, in which a notable cast appears. Rosco Ates is seen as the comic barber, Karen Moreley, recently seen in "Never the Twain Shall Meet" and William Bicknell of "All Quiet on the Western Front" and other hits, and the romantic leads, and John Miljan, noted in "The Secret Six," is the gangster ruler.

The story is an original by Zelma Daniels and Andrew Murray Roylean. It was adapted by Wells Root, and directed by Robert E. Hopkins.

High spots include Miss Dressler's dramatic denunciation of the crooked mayor in the political rally, her defiance to the gang leader, the attempt of the husbands to break up the women's rally which ruins Marie's speech, her retaliation by calling the women of the town out on strike against their husbands, the comical torchlight procession, the formation of the vigilance committee, and the arguments between herself and Miss Moran.

While most of the story is screamingly funny, the tense dramatic moments disclose Miss Dressler as a character actress of compelling force. The picture was produced lavishly with one of the largest exterior sets ever built and hundreds of people appear in the torchlight procession, political rallies and other dramatic high spots.

Buster Keaton film.

Professional Japanese wrestlers found that an American comedy star knew all their tricks, while the experts were engaged to coach Buster Keaton for his wrestling sequences in "Sideshow of New York", which will come on Friday, to the Queen's Theatre.

The experts were brought to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to help work out wrestling holds, which Keaton was then to burlesque for the sake of comedy. Buster proceeded to show them some wrestling holds, and finally they agreed that the comedian knew as many tricks as they did.

"Part of it I learned on the stage as an acrobat—part from wrestling when I was in the army," explained Keaton.

The new picture directed by Jules White and Zion Myers, is a comical romance of life in the New York tenement districts. Keaton is cast as a millionaire's son who falls in love with a tenement girl and tries to control her tough younger brother for her sake.

He starts a gymnasium, tries to be a big brother to the youngsters of the neighbourhood and complications result fast and furious. He gets in trouble when he tries to stage a wrestling match, more when tries to be a boxer as a good example to the youngsters—and then a gang leader marks him as prey and he's dodging bullets when he isn't dodging other woes.

Anita Page plays the heroine and Cliff Edwards is seen as Porgie, the comic valet. Norman Phillips, Jr. plays the principal juvenile role as Clipper, the tough younger brother.

"Ten Cents a Dance" is the gangster Marshall and others are in the cast in which some two hundred small boys and girls in hilarious chases, fights and other laughable incidents.

"Ten Cents a Dance".

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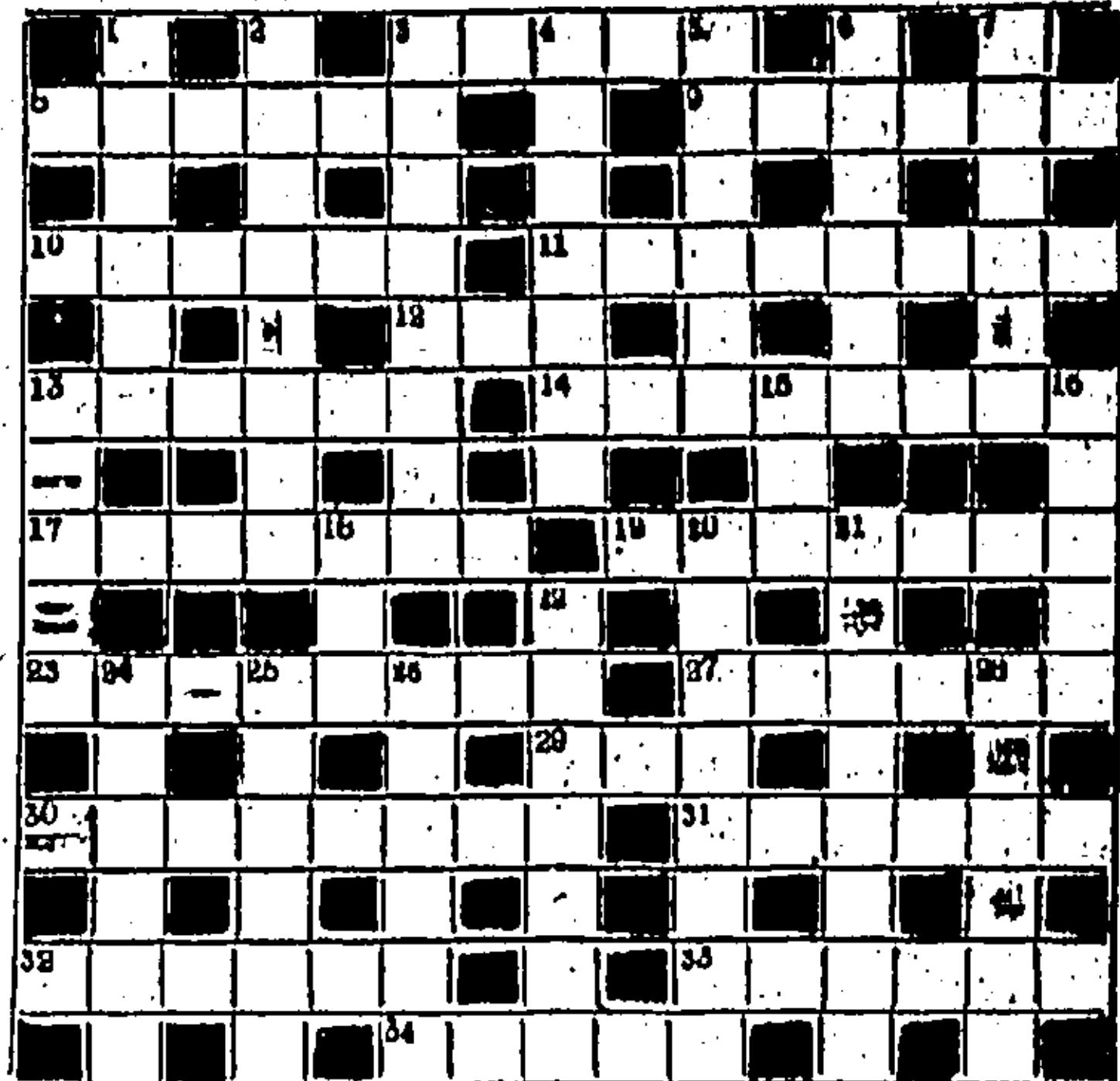
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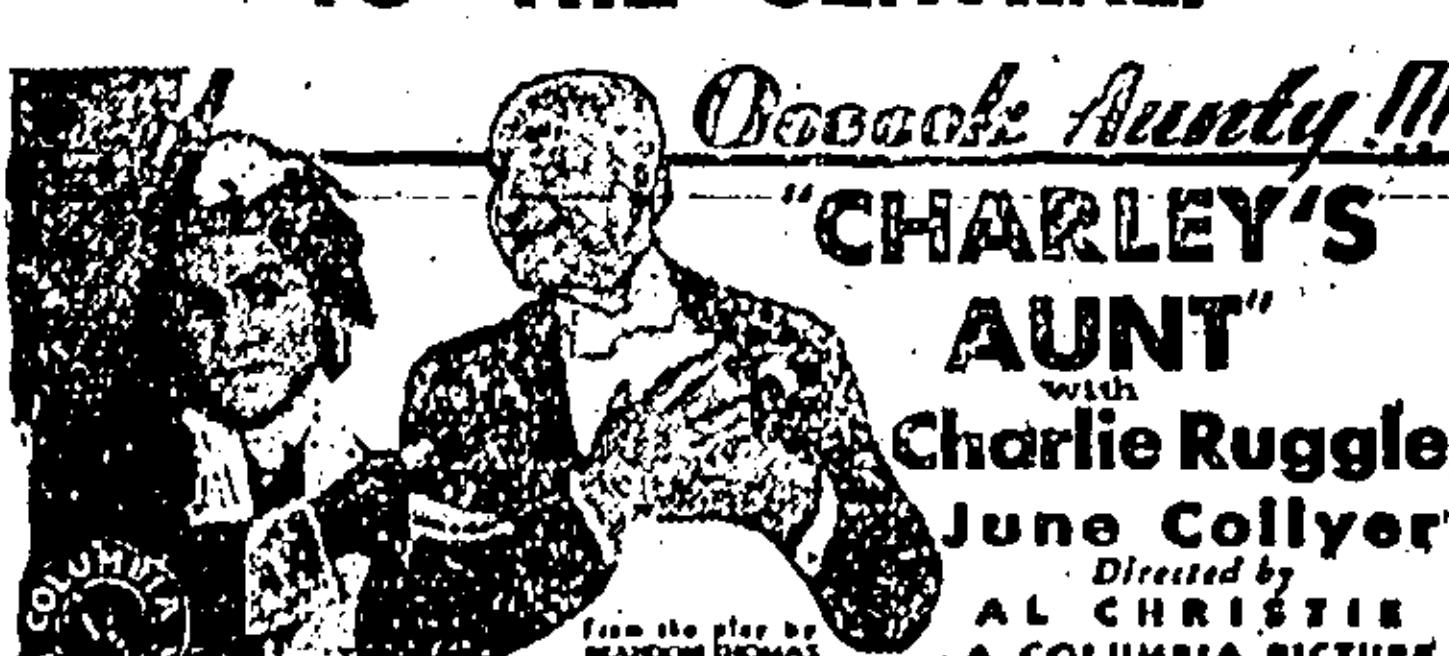
At ten cents a dance, a girl would have to click off thirty dances in an evening to receive three dollars. That would be more miles than a taxi travels for the same amount.

Why do girls try this sort of thing? Some of them are made jazz mad by the sound of syncopated music. They are intoxicated by the dance just as others are by strong spirits. Some seek the excitement of meeting new friends. Some hope for romance... and some are only looking for a job. Well, there are a few more difficult ways to earn a living.

A view of modern metropolitan life, with pleasure crazed, dancing girls as a background, is revealed in "Ten Cents a Dance," the screen offering which is being shown at the Central Theatre. Barbara Stanwyck plays the leading role under the direction of Edward Cahn. The Columbia Pictures.

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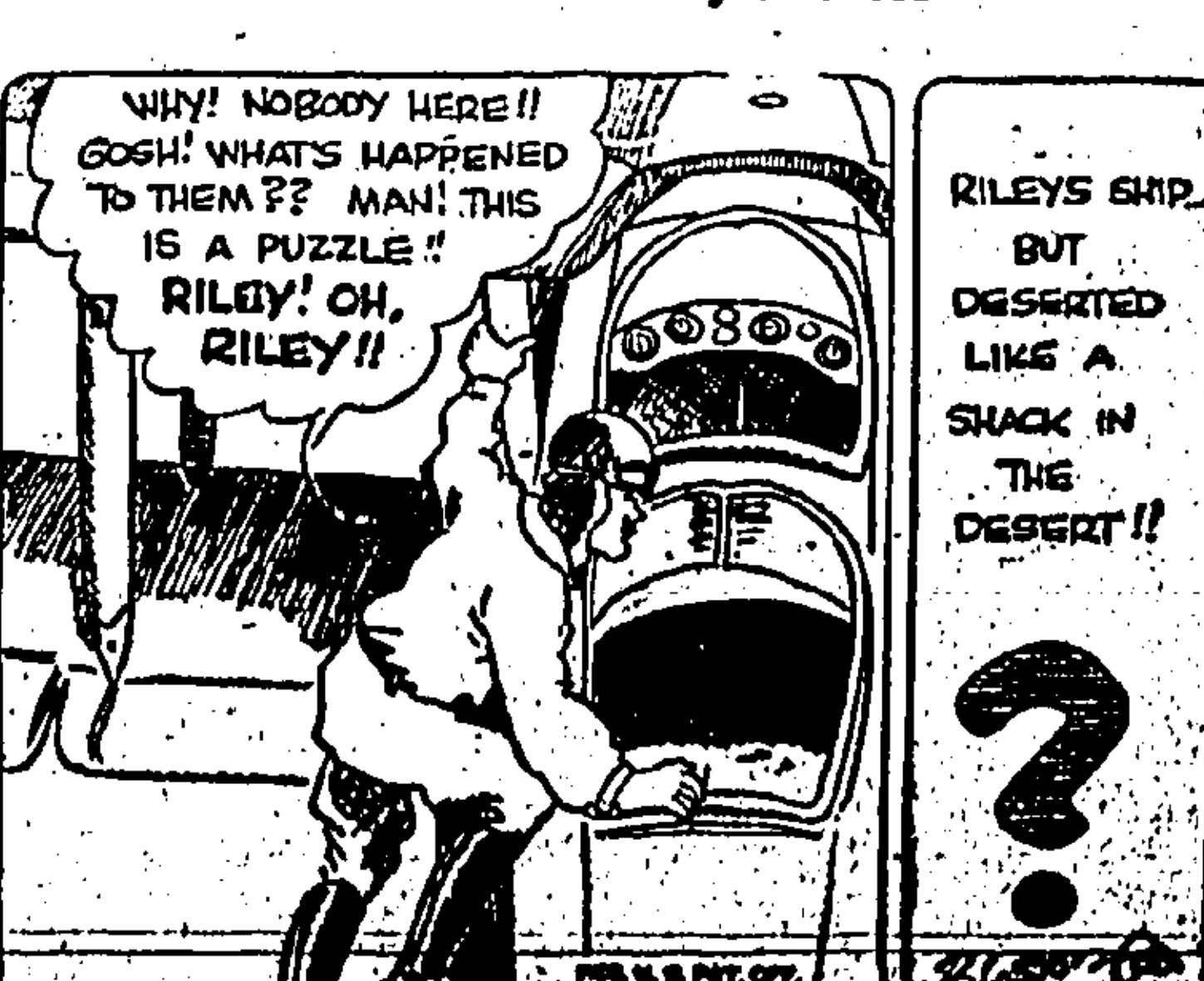
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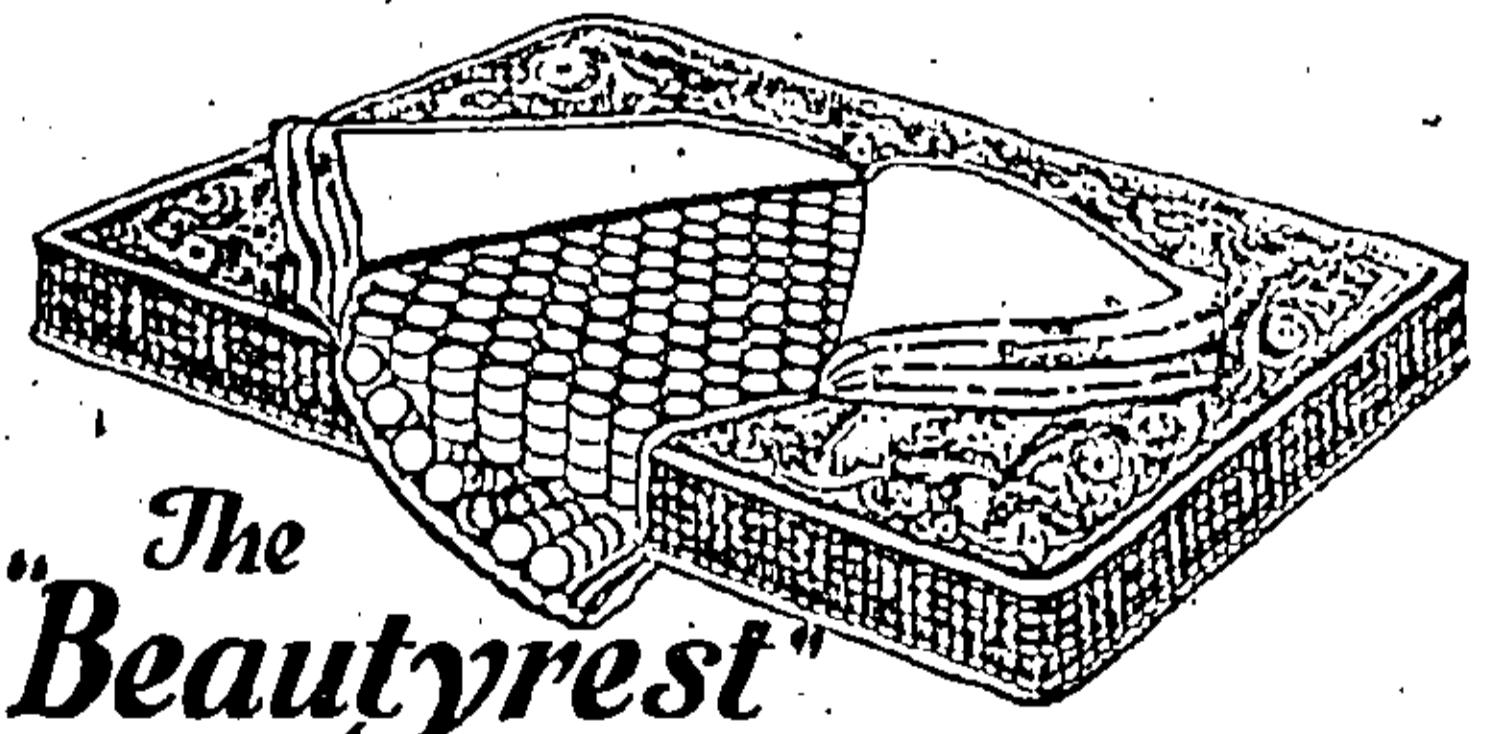
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## THE COTTON INDUSTRY PROBLEM.

The Lancashire cotton industry problem is still receiving considerable attention on the part of those who are directly concerned with its future. A many-sided issue, it is by no means easy to handle, and the opinion is growing that it ought long ago to have been tackled by a powerful body authorised by Act of Parliament to deal with it in all its aspects. Handling the problem piecemeal results in it being handled badly, for the principal reason that no section seems prepared to make sacrifices unless parallel concessions are made by the rest.

The fact is realised that the British cotton trade has permanently shrunk in dimensions, quite apart from the general world depression. It has to be remembered that cotton manufacture is, in the cheaper branches, well suited for carrying on with cheap labour and almost fool-proof machines, so that no conceivable reduction in Lancashire's costs can go far enough to win back a large part of the lost markets. The Far East, with its infinite supply of cheap labour, is bound more and more to supply its own markets, though at the moment Japan's energies may be employed on other matters. None the less, there is an obvious need for Lancashire to reorganise her methods, for unless this is done she may lose a great deal more than she already has done. Plant that has become definitely redundant and obsolete has to be scrapped; even if it were not done by collective action it would doubtless happen in the long run either by bankruptcy or obsolescence. It has been well pointed out, however, that the destruction of surplus plant will not in itself be enough to reduce costs sufficiently to secure an expanding world trade. Even the marked fall in prices which has followed the depreciation of the pound has brought with it only a relatively small stimulus to exports. The employers are trying other methods by wage reductions and "more loops per weaver," but these are not being favourably received by the workers. The elimination of surplus plant and the granting of a minimum wage must lead to the same result—the fuller employment of factories and of far fewer workers. Perhaps half

of the workers in the cotton trade would in the end be completely squeezed out and compelled to seek employment elsewhere. In the long run, this is bound to happen, since the short-time system is uneconomical and will have to go. This is not to the liking of the operatives, admittedly, but, realising that wages cannot be cut further, they see that just as surplus plant must be eliminated, so must surplus workers go. The biggest problem, however, is the writing off of dead capital, the unshackling of the industry from its heavy burdens of bank debts and other standing charges. In dealing with some aspects of the industry's problems, compulsory powers are to be secured, but it would seem that whatever body is set up to deal with the issues, power should be given to deal with financial reconstruction in addition to the matter of surplus labour and wages.

### The Gold Standard.

The economic pundits are now waging a great argument. Was it necessary for Great Britain to abandon the gold standard? The latest contribution appears in the Chinese Economic Bulletin, by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, who says, "The collapse of the gold standard in England was absolutely unnecessary." Arguing upon the ground chosen by Dr. Anderson the statement sounds convincing. Great Britain has been addicted to a cheap money policy—to a low interest rate—ever since it returned to the gold standard in 1925. According to the rules under which the gold standard operates, this was a mistake. A dear money policy was indicated as the only possible method of protecting existing gold supplies and of attracting new supplies. But to say that before Great Britain left the gold standard its bank rate should have been 9 per cent instead of 4½ per cent, is totally to ignore the peculiar crisis which Great Britain underwent long before the larger crisis enveloped the world in 1929. In 1925 Great Britain elected to anchor its currency to gold at the pre-war parity. In order to carry through this policy, it was essential to reduce sterling costs, such as those represented by labour, to the level demanded by the higher gold value. Otherwise British goods could not compete abroad. Britain's problem, in other words, was the now-familiar problem of deflation, particularly in wages. The decision to raise sterling to its pre-war gold value involved heavy sacrifices for the benefit of the holders of internal debt, who, with every twist of the deflationary screw, found the pounds owed to them by their fellow-countrymen becoming ever more valuable. This extra value had to be provided by the debtor, or business, class of the community. The chief point of the attack was wages, because wages are the chief factor in production costs. To theorists like Dr. Anderson, this may appear as it did to Adam Smith to be no problem. But economic behaviour has nowadays a habit of puncturing the economic laws propounded by the theoreticians. This was the case when wage decreases brought on the general strike of 1926. Labour, ever jealous of its living standards, which had been won after much tribulation, refused to be deflated. It was so afraid of being "squeezed" that it ignored the fortuitous bonus it was constantly receiving by way of improvement in the buying value of the pound—conversely, of the fall in commodity prices. Between 1925 and 1930, according to the Macmillan report, wages in Great Britain rose by 8½ per cent. British industry was thus over-weighted with production costs arising out of swollen wages and fixed charges. The Bank of England tried to mitigate the burden by keeping the rates of working capital cheap. To have put up the rates to the levels mentioned by Dr. Anderson would have laid on industry a burden too crushing to be borne. Moreover, experience the last few years has shown that a high bank rate alone is not effective in maintaining the world's confidence in a country. Indeed, the high bank rate, like the high interest rate on a bond, may be looked upon as an admission that investment in that country carries with it a heavy risk. And it is doubtful, in view

## DAY BY DAY

SELDOM OR NEVER HAS THERE BEEN AN IDEAL WHICH HAS EXERCISED A MORE PROFOUND AND A MORE SALUTARY INFLUENCE THAN THE MEDIAEVAL CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME WOMAN WAS ELEVATED TO HER RIGHTFUL POSITION, AND THE SANCTITY OF WEAKNESS WAS RECOGNISED AS WELL AS THE SANCTITY OF SORROW.—Lucky.

The Empress of Britain, now on a world tour, is due in Hongkong at 8 a.m. on the 11th instant.

The Empress of Asia is to leave here for Vancouver at noon on Thursday, instead of 8 p.m., as originally advertised.

It is notified that during the Chinese New Year holidays, a constant supply of water will be given in the older main districts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among the subjects to come before the members of the Sanitary Board to-day is one relative to the hours regulating the sale of fruit in the open markets in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The President and Committee of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$10 (Shanghai currency) as a donation to the funds of the Home from the ship's company of H.M.S. Sandwich.

A visitor at the Nanking Boarding House, at 89, Connaught Road Central, was yesterday removed to hospital after he had taken a large dose of Adalin, apparently with the intention of committing suicide.

The Bishop of Victoria on February 1, licensed in his private chapel, the Rev. Gilbert Alexander Hook, formerly curate of St. John's, Upper Holloway, London, to missionary work in Nanning under the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society.

Strong rumours were current in Singapore last week to the effect that His Excellency the Governor was about to relinquish office and that his successor had been appointed. According to the story, which reached the *Strait Times* on the departure of Sir Cecil Clementi had been fixed for March 3 and the reasons for the resignation were given. On referring the matter to the Colonial Secretary, the journal was told "There is no truth in the report."

With a record of three previous convictions for pickling pockets, a simple larceny, a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing 50 cents from a youth in Belchers' Street was sentenced to six months' hard labour and placed under police supervision for two years. The defendant and the complainant were in a house at 3, Belchers' Street where the offence occurred. The defendant was chased but managed to out-run his pursuers. On coming across a police picket, however, he slowed down and commenced to walk. The complainant, who was stopped by a detective in the picket, pointed out the defendant, who was then chased by the officer and arrested.

of the general state of European confidence, whether any last-minute action of this kind would have achieved its international object, namely, the continuance of the gold link at pre-war parity. At any rate, Britain felt that it was not worth the price.



"A college education's a great thing. Lots of these books I wouldn't understand without it."

## MY NEW BRIDGE "SYSTEM."

By BEVERLEY NICHOLS.

I HAVE discovered a short cut to efficiency in Bridge. In the old days I used to think that if one did all the dreary things that were recommended in the text-book one would become a good player. And so I used monotonously to return my partner's lead at no trumps, play low at "second-hand" (and feel pretty low about it, too), say, "Having no hearts, partner?" whenever necessary, and all sorts of things like that.

However, it was of no use. At the end of every game, the same shrieks of abuse always rent the air. My partners stood up, hunched their shoulders, whirled their arms, spat invectives at me, and rushed downstairs for fresh draughts of barley water. I have endured this for some years, and *je n'ai assez*. And so I have formulated some new rules which will prove of infinite assistance to all those players who, like myself, adore Bridge, but never quite realise what trumps really are.

### The Onslaught.

*Always attack. Always!* I do not mean during the game, but after it. As soon as you have lost the game, you must instantly attack your partner before she can attack you. A good plan, if you are in doubt, is to fold your arms, sneer, and say in harsh voice, "Really?" She will then have a shivering suspicion that she has sat on a spade or something equally crude.

Or again, if you know that it was all your fault, you can say, "What were you doing with your diamonds?" She will probably be too depressed to remember what she was doing with her diamonds, and even if she does remember it you can always shrug your shoulders, turn to your opponents, and repeat exactly what she says. This will discourage her. It is very important to discourage one's partner at an early stage in the game.

Even if she says "I hadn't got any diamonds," you need not be deterred. You can just say, in tones of icy scorn, "Quite. No diamonds!" Which ought to make her shrivel up all right, as though she had told you that her children had no underclothes.

*When Playing Dummy.* The one essential is speed. Never mind what you do, but do it with the utmost celerity. Of course, you can pause as long as you like before you actually play the first card. In fact, a very good plan, as soon as your partner has laid down her hand, is to stare at it for a moment with glazed eyes, and then to rise to your feet, walk slowly over to the window, and look out, tapping the glass, like Sir Gerald du Maurier when all seems to be lost at the end of Act II.

This action will terrify your partner, who will feel that there must be something extremely unladylike about the dummy which she has exposed before you.

When you return say nothing. Regard the card your opponent has played with a faint sneer. And then, without warning, leap upon it. Play with tremendous speed. Do not arrange your tricks (should you be lucky enough

to get any) in a neat pile. Seize them with claw-like fingers, and jumble them together. Breathe as little as possible at the cards, and as much as possible at your partner. If, after all this, she still has the effrontry to tell you that you lost the game, you can inform her that she ought not to be wasting her time playing Bridge. She ought to be a policewoman, or somebody who chops down trees in Australia.

If by some strange chance you are asked to play a second rubber you will, of course, be required, at some period in this rubber, to shuffle. Now, please remember this. *Always Hum When Shuffling.* It does not matter what you hum, though personally I have always found "Annie Laurie" very effective. (Annie Laurie, you may remember, was the girl who revoked once too often). The main point about humming while you shuffle is that it demoralises your opponents. They will think that you know something they don't know. They will leap to the conclusion that you have a card up your sleeve. If you shun while you shuffle... (pardon me, these cards are so slippery)... you will gain great advantage, which will cost you nothing.

### Auction is Antiquated.

I am assuming, naturally, that you play Contract Bridge. If anybody of exceptional antiquity or dulness suggests that you should play Auction, lift the left nostril, curl the upper lip, and say "Auction?" In these days? Perhaps you would prefer to play *loo*? (It sounds divinely idiotic. At though one bounced up and down on baby chairs and said "looloo... loo... loo... loo!")

Or if you want to use subtler methods, open your eyes very wide indeed and say "Auction?" How thrilling! Is that something new? Do tell us about it? Too amusing." This attitude will cause the auction-playing offender to turn a sickly green and to change the conversation. Also, since she will be forced to play Contract without understanding how to score, you will reap great advantage, unless you have foolish moral scruples.

## Our Sporting Prodigies.

By W. F. SANDERSON.

THERE has never been an age like the present when youth—in fact, children—have been so prominent in sport. On Thursday a small boy from Newcastle on Tyne, aged only 10, played in the final of the Boys' Championship. He lost, to another boy of 15 years. Without a doubt we have two boys here who may rise to the greatest heights in the world of billiards.

At ten years of age the small boy, who often had to use the long rest across the table, knows and can execute every shot to billiards. That is a gift.

Not so long ago I watched a girl of 11 years skating in an international trial—she is to go to America as a member of Britain's team.

In the last four months I have seen children engaged in golf, tennis, swimming, football and boxing. In every case I have heard the same story: "Here is a hope for Britain in the future," and it is a fact that in all these games I have seen children technically perfect.

All this is good for British sport of to-morrow, but all these amazing children were similar in one respect—they all lacked the slightest sign of nerves, they all had the mental poise of seasoned, experienced players of games; they all had the same cold, stony mental indifference to anything but the game—and I wonder if it is good.

No Childish Graces.

Look at the small boy in the billiards championship. When he played his semi-final there were hundreds of people looking on; he had never played in front of an audience before, yet he did not see them. There was never one childish gesture.

At Stoke Poges during the girls' golf championship I saw a child of 14, three down at the twelfth, needing a 20ft putt to win the hole. There were 300 people crowding round the green. There she was, on one knee, studying the line of the putt, utterly indifferent to the crowd. She holed the putt.

As I watched that child on her knee I saw her face. She was no

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## THE SHANGHAI IMBROGLIO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Twenty-four additional Japanese planes arrived in Shanghai yesterday and another forty-six are expected to-day. The total will then be 130.

## JAPANESE ARMY DIVISION FOR SHANGHAI.

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

An important military conference was held late last night attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for War and the Navy Minister. It was tentatively decided to dispatch one army division to Shanghai to replace the bluejackets. The decision is subject to the approval of the Cabinet at its meeting to-day.

A Japanese division consists of two brigades of infantry, a regiment each of cavalry and artillery, and a battalion each of engineers and Army Service Corps.

Paris, Feb. 1.

A battalion of infantry from Tongking has been ordered to Shanghai to strengthen the defences of the French Concession.—*Reuter*.

Reuter's New York correspondent reports an announcement, on behalf of leading Wall Street bankers, that neither China nor Japan will be able to obtain loans from New York or London for the purpose of financing a war.

## BRITISH ANXIETY.

## ACTIVITY AT NO. 10.

London, Feb. 1. In the capitals of all countries with interests in the International Settlement, the situation in Shanghai has been anxiously examined during the day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, devoted the greater part of the day to consultations with Ministers and others on the situation.

During the morning he conferred with Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, and this afternoon Lord Halifax, the Secretary for War and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, visited No. 10, Downing Street. *British Wireless*.

## LEAGUE INQUIRY IN SHANGHAI.

## AMERICA'S CURIOUS ATTITUDE.

Geneva, Feb. 1. The United States Government have declined to participate officially in the League Enquiry into the Shanghai outbreak, though they are prepared to co-operate with the work of the Commission to a certain extent.

The American reply to Sir Eric Drummond's request was presented to the Secretary-General by Mr. Prentiss Gilbert this morning.

The Reply says that while agreeing to work with the Commission of Enquiry at Shanghai, the Government cannot accept membership of the Commission as the Council's decision regarding its appointment was not unanimous. The American Consul-General will, however, be instructed to furnish Sir Eric Drummond with all the materials at his disposal. *Reuter*.

## JAPANESE ACTION IN CANTON.

## CHINESE REPORT "SECOND THOUGHTS."

It is reported from Chinese sources that the Japanese Consul-General in Canton yesterday interviewed the Mayor (M. T. K. Ching) regarding the protest and demands lodged by the Consul-General a few days ago, concerning articles in the *Canton Gazette* and the *Kuang Wo Po*.

It is stated the Consul-General agreed to withdraw the demands and to telegraphically request that the intended despatch of Japanese warships to Canton be cancelled. He also asked the Mayor to notify the public not to misunderstand the situation.

The Mayor enquired regarding the number of Japanese residents in Canton and was informed that no one in Canton City and only a few in Shumeen.

In regard to the Swatow situation, he said that there had been a misunderstanding and did not anticipate that any further trouble would occur. He is reported to have indicated that the Japanese demands in Swatow would be withdrawn.

## JAPAN COMPLAINS TO LEAGUE.

## CHINA STRENGTHENING DEFENCES.

Geneva, Feb. 1. Mr. Sato, the Japanese Ambassador in Belgium, and representative of Japan on the League Council, has communicated a telegram to the League accusing the Chinese of violating the

## MOTOR MISHAP SEQUEL.

## DRIVER TO PAY \$49 DAMAGES.

Damage to the extent of \$49 was caused to the wall on the lower road at Repulse Bay by a motor-car, No. 417, on January 24, and as a sequel, the driver of the car was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning for failing to report the mishap.

Sergeant D. Clark stated that a European at Repulse Bay had informed him of the accident and, on going to the scene, he saw the damage. He saw the defendant there and questioned him, but he denied responsibility. From inquiries made, the officer ascertained that somebody other than the defendant had actually been driving, but the following day the defendant, on instructions, went to the Traffic Office and there admitted that he had caused the accident. His Worship remarked that the defendant did not have much opportunity to report the accident, as the sergeant was on the scene immediately afterwards.

The officer agreed, but pointed out that the defendant had denied that he had been responsible for the mishap.

On the actual summons his Worship registered a caution, but ordered the defendant to pay \$49 damages to the Government.

Inspector Alexander informed his Worship that there had been several instances of damage to rails and walls being caused and the Government had been put to considerable expense in carrying out repairs.

## SNATCHER ROBS AN AMAH.

## PRISON SENTENCE AND BIRCHING.

London, Feb. 1. The Earl of Lytton, the British Representative and Chairman of the League of Nations Commission appointed to investigate the Sino-Japanese dispute in Manchuria, will sail for New York from Le Havre on Wednesday, together with the other four members of the Commission. *British Wireless*.

## OPIUM INSIDE BRICKS.

## SMUGGLERS' LATEST.

Further evidence of the ingenious methods adopted by opium smugglers was forthcoming before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with being in possession of 112 taels of raw opium.

Revenue Officer Ward told the Court that the defendant arrived from Canton by the night boat and was seen leaving the wharf carrying two baskets, in each of which was a large cement brick and tools. The bricks were not as heavy as they appeared to be, and when broken, the opium was found inside contained in two tin boxes.

The defendant was fined \$3,000 or nine months' hard labour in default, the opium, tools and baskets being confiscated.

## UTTER ROUT FOR SOUTHPORT.

## COLLAPSE IN F.A. CUP REPLAY.

London, Feb. 1. After two splendid displays against Newcastle in the F. A. Cup Competition, Southport collapsed in the second replay to-day, suffering defeat by nine clear goals. The match was played at Sheffield.

Stoke City defeated Sunderland by two goals to one at their third meeting.

In the next round, to be played on Saturday week, Newcastle are at home to Leicester and Stoke pay a visit to Bury.

In a First Division league match to-day, West Ham shared points with Huddersfield Town. The final score was 1-1.—*Reuter*.

An Indian watchman, named Asar Singh, was drowned in the harbour yesterday, his body being later recovered near the s.s. *Venezia*, aboard which he had been employed.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central N.W. of Hokkaido, travelling east. Another is forming over N.E. China. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

## BRICKLAYERS AS ROBBERS.

## CONTRACTORS' OFFICE RAIDED.

Five men were concerned in an armed robbery at 357, Lai Chi Kok Road, the offices of the Hop Yick firm of contractors, last night.

Shortly before closing time, a man made his way up to the cook-loft where Wong Yuen, the managing partner, was working at a desk in company with the accountant and other folks. He was writing out a cheque when interrupted. Following closely on the heels of the first man were four other robbers.

A packet of pepper was thrown into the faces of the assembled folks, while the managing partner and the accountant were forced to hand over their personal effects.

The latter had over \$170 which was surrendered to the robbers. On leaving the places, the robbers parted company, but three of them were observed escaping up Lai Chi Kok Road. They are believed to be bricklayers engaged in "raising the wind" in anticipation of heavy expenditure over the China New Year festival.

## H. K. WHOLESALE PRICES.

## DOUBLE PRE-WAR FIGURE.

As measured at the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, wholesale prices in Hongkong during the year 1931 showed an increase of 29.8 per cent, as compared with the year 1924, 36.6 per cent, as compared with the base period of 1922, and an average index figure slightly more than double that of the year 1913.

The average for all articles rose from \$39.8 in the first quarter of 1931 to \$40.4 in the second quarter, declining to \$33.2 and \$32.7 respectively in the third and last quarters of the year.

## THE BIBLE UNION OF CHINA.

## LOCAL BRANCH INAUGURATED BY DR. CLIFT.

Speaking at a meeting held last night at 246, Nathan Road, inaugurating the Hongkong Branch of the Bible Union of China, Dr. H. Lechmere Clift, Corresponding Secretary to Kwantung and Hongkong, stated, in part:

"Several years ago an Association was formed, among missionaries in China, to preserve the Old Faith and to take a stand on the full inspiration of Holy Scripture.

The object of the meeting this evening is to start a Branch of this Union in Hongkong.

Jesus said: "No man putteth new wine into old bottles" (St. Luke V. 37). This was an illustration of a *Divine principle*. We could not expect the truth of the Holy Spirit therefore to be enshrined in heathen myth, or mixed up with unreliable history: as the Psalmist says (CIXIX, 160): "The sum of Thy Word is Truth". We do not believe the Bible to be partly inspired and partly untrue.

In the same way God never mends the "old man" of sin. He makes him a new creation before pouring in His Holy Spirit.

Critical Not New.

Biblical criticism is not new. Two thousand years ago the Sadducees accepted the books of Moses but rejected those of the Prophets. This method led them inevitably to a limiting of Revelation, and they ended by denying the possibility of a Resurrection of the body.

Jesus said that even the limited Scriptures which they accepted disproved their theories; and he declared that their unbelief was the result of ignorance of the Word of God and doubts of His Power (St. Mark XII, 18-27).

Our Lord accepted all the Old Testament Scriptures. He quoted on one occasion the book of Deuteronomy three times when confronted by the Tempter (St. Matt. IV, 1-10). He said that if man would not hear Moses and the Prophet (i.e. the Old Testament Scripture), "neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead" (St. Luke XVI, 31).

St. Peter says (In St. Peter III, 15-16) that St. Paul was inspired in all his Epistles; and that it was ignorance which made men cavil at these "and the other Scriptures".

The Bible Union of China is not a Society to attack others, but to bind together all Evangelist Christians who "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints" (St. Jude, 3).

There was a very satisfactory attendance at the meeting, including the Rev. Mr. W. Stott, from Nanking, who spoke of the work of the Union in Kuan-kiang.

The organizers look forward to a long period of useful activity and are gratified by the support received and the addition of new members of the Union.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 305 metres.

5.00-8.00 p.m. European Programmes.

6.00-8.00 p.m. (approx.) Relay programme on the occasion of the Opening of the West Wing of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon by His Excellency, the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., by courtesy of the Committee.

6.00-6.35 p.m. Concert Items.

Orchestral-Warbling at Eve (Richards).

Orchestral-Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Schilkret).

Victor Salon Orch: 10840.

Song-Robin Adair (Kappel).

Song-The Last Rose of Summer (Marey).

Frances Alda (Soprano). 1188.

Piano Solo-Narelene (Novia).

Piano-Rustle of Spring (Sliding).

Hans Barth. 20121.

Song-The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow).

Song-Moonlight and Roses (Black-More).

John McCormack (Tenor). 1092.

Instrumental Trio-Happy Days (Strelak).

Instrumental Trio-Herd Girl's Dream (Lubitsky).

Neopolitan Trio. 10872.

6.35-6.56 p.m. Band Selections.

On the Go (Goldman).

On the Campus (Goldman).

The Goldman Band. 10765.

Electric March (Creator).

American Army March (Isbell).

Creator's Band. 10844.

Hall to the Orange and Oskee (Woo Woo (Green-Hill)).

Illinois Loyalty March (Guild).

University of Illinois Military Band. 10836.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

6.50-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Keep Your Skirts Down (Mary Ann).

Vocal Duet-If I Had a Girl Like You (Aileen Stanley and Billy Murray). 10790.

Organ Solo-Dinah. Jessie Crawford. 20000.

Humorous Song-I've Goin' from the Cottonfield.

Humorous Song-The Parlor is a Pleasant Place to Sit in Sunday Night.

Frank Crumit. 19777.

Piano-Accordion Solo-Italian-Spanish Favourites.

Mario Perry. 20249.

Male Quartet-Tell Mother I'll be There.

Mixed Quartet-Sometime We'll Understand.

Trinity Quartet. 19877.

Song-Nightingale Song (Della Baker (Soprano)).

Vocal Duet-Listen to the Mocking Bird (Alice Green and Raymond Dixon). 19889.

Organ Solo-Sleepy Time Gal. Jessie Crawford. 19900.

Chorus-Just Around the Corner. The Revelers.

Song-Behind the Clouds. Gene Austin (Tenor). 19968.

7.45-8.00 p.m. Operatic.

Song-Thai-Love Has Long Been a Rare Virtue (Massenet).

Maria Jeritza (Soprano). 1214.

Chorus-Trovatore-Ahvil Chorus (Verdi).

Victor Mixed Chorus (Wagner).

Victor Male Chorus. 20127.

Song-Rigollette-Mid the Fair (Throng (Verdi)).

Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 500.

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## BRADMAN'S 299!

## CARRIES HIS BAT IN TEST MATCH.

Adelaide, Feb. 1. Continuing to bat to-day, in the fourth Test match, Australia compiled 613, Bradman contributing magnificient 299 and being not out at the close, just one run short of 300!

The South Africans had compiled 124 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Scores:

**South Africa.—1st. Innings.**  
S. H. Curnow, c Ponsford, b Grinnell . . . . .  
B. Mitchell, c and b McCabe . . . . .  
J. A. Christy, b O'Reilly . . . . .  
H. W. Taylor, c Rigg, b Grinnell . . . . .  
H. B. Cameron, lbw, Grinnell . . . . .  
D. P. B. Morkel, c and b Grinnell . . . . .  
C. C. Viljoen, c and b Grinnell . . . . .  
C. L. Vincent, lbw, O'Reilly . . . . .  
Q. McMillan, b Grinnell . . . . .  
N. A. Quinn, c Ponsford, b Grinnell . . . . .  
A. J. Bell, not out . . . . .  
Extras . . . . .

Total . . . . . 303

Bowling:

S. J. McCabe took one wicket for 34, W. O'Reilly two for 74, C. V. Grinnell 7 for 116.

**Australia.—1st. Innings.**

W. M. Woodfull, c Morkel, b Bell . . . . .  
W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn . . . . .  
D. G. Bradman, not out . . . . .  
A. F. Kippax, run out . . . . .  
S. J. McCabe, c Vincent, b Bell . . . . .  
K. Rigg, c Taylor, b Bell . . . . .  
W. A. Oldfield, lbw, Vincent . . . . .  
C. V. Grinnell, b Bell . . . . .  
Hunt, c Vincent, b Quinn . . . . .  
W. O'Reilly, b Bell . . . . .  
Thurlow, run out . . . . .  
Extras . . . . .

Total . . . . . 513

Bowling:

Bell took 5 wickets for 142, Quinn 2 for 114, Vincent one for 110.

**South Africa.—2nd. Innings.**

B. Mitchell, not out . . . . .  
S. H. Curnow, c McCabe . . . . .  
J. A. Christy, b Grinnell . . . . .  
H. W. Taylor, not out . . . . .  
Extras . . . . .

Total (for 2 wkt.) . . . . . 124

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## RECORD TENNIS ENTRY.

## EIGHTY TWO IN OPEN SINGLES.

Adelaide, Feb. 1.

Despite expectations to the contrary, last year's record entry for the Singles Tennis Championship of Hongkong has been exceeded and on February 16, no less than 82 players will be taking part in the tournament.

Last year there were 80 contestants. In the doubles event, the support is not quite so good as in 1931, only 44 pairs taking part as compared with 49.

The draw for these two championships has now been made, and as in previous years, the "seedings" method has been adopted. In the singles, S. A. Rumjahn, who has a bye in the first round, leads the top quarter, M. W. Lo figures in the second quarter, E. C. Finchler in the third and T. Honda in the fourth.

In the doubles, the only pairs seeded are E. C. Finchler and L. Goldman and S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn. The former appear at the top of the first half and the latter, who are holders of the championship, in the lower half. The complete drawing follows:

Open Singles.

Byes (top half):—S. A. Rumjahn, H. N. Chau, T. C. Monaghan, Tuan Yan-pui, L. T. Ride, H. D. Rumjahn, Yew Man-kit, H. N. Lee, In Tak-cheuk, S. A. Cassumbhoy, E. C. Finchler, E. W. Ralton, M. W. Lo, J. Machituna, S. E. Green, M. W. Lo, Florin Khan, Y. V. Segalen, Iu Tak-lam, A. H. Rumjahn, H. Y. Ho, Chu Chan-chu.

First Round:—S. A. Rumjahn, H. N. Chau, T. C. Monaghan, Tuan Yan-pui, L. T. Ride, H. D. Rumjahn, Yew Man-kit, H. N. Lee, In Tak-cheuk, S. A. Cassumbhoy, E. C. Finchler, E. W. Ralton, M. W. Lo, J. Machituna, S. E. Green, M. W. Lo, Florin Khan, Y. V. Segalen, Iu Tak-lam, A. H. Rumjahn, H. Y. Ho, Chu Chan-chu.

Byes (lower half):—R. E. Hamby and M. W. Turner v A. V. Remedios and L. A. Bileira; Sui Wal-pui and F. H. Kewok v Taul Wal-pui and Taul Yan-pui; G. W. Sowell and Wright v Wong Fuk-nam and Ho Hin-yin; H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v Wong Shu-wing and Chan Kam-moon; Wong Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v Iu Tak-lam and Luk Chan-chung; J. G. Lecky and E. C. Finchler v J. W. Leonard and J. A. Cassumbhoy; S. A. Gray and W. Wirth v E. and F. R. Zimmem; R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond v Chul Chan-chui and W. C. Hung.

Byes (lower half):—R. E. Hamby and A. E. Collins; D. B. Evans and G. E. R. Divett; M. W. and M. K. L. R. Todd, Luk Ding-cheung, Feroz Ali, H. Owen Hughes, Sal Wa-lung, Szeto Pilk, R. B. Hamby, F. A. Redmond, W. C. Hung, Ng Sze-cheung, M. H. F. Waring, A. D. Humphreys, D. M. MacDougall.

Open Doubles.

Byes (top half):—E. C. Finchler and L. Goldman, S. O. Hill and A. H. McFride, J. Hachlum and M. Kinoshita, E. T. E. Nash and partner, A. H. Barres and F. J. Remedios, R. M. Henderson and T. C. Monaghan, A. J. da Silva and E. da Sousa, G. A. White and G. C. Burtt, T. A. Akiyama and T. Honda, A. V. Segalen and C. A. Barreto.

First Round:—Lee Wai-tsui and Lee Woon-tsui v M. H. F. Waring and C. P. F. James; F. Grose and R. Chau v Ho Ka-jui and Yew Man-kit; A. R. Minu and A. H. Madan v Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheung; H. Lo and Iu Tak-cheuk v D. M. MacDougall and G. W. A. Tufton; C. F.

Barrett.

Byes (top half):—S. E. Green, A. B. Haworth, R. M. Henderson, L. T. Ride, D. S. Green, H. Owen Hughes, L. Goldman, C. F. Hyde, J. A. Lawson, C. E. Holmes.

First Round:—F. A. Redmond v A. H. McFride; L. Forster v L. M. Llloyd; A. D. Humphreys v W. M. Barton; V. R. Gordon v D. B. Evans; A. L. Sullivan v J. G. Lecky; D. J. Valentine v T. C. Monaghan; D. D. McKay v A. H. Harkins.

Byes (lower half):—S. O. Hill, G. W. A. Tufton, M. H. F. Waring, H. J. Scull, J. J. Waite, G. W. Sowell, D. M. MacDougall, P. R. S. Walsham, R. M. Wood, E. T. E. Nash, Y. V. Segalen, R. R. Todd, J. J. Barrow.

Club Championship.

Byes (top half):—S. E. Green, A.

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ALL MARVELLOUS BARGAINS.

## FRIENDLY CRICKET.

## CRAIGENGOWER SECONDS WIN ON SUNDAY.

A friendly cricket match between the Paraces and the Craigengower Cricket Club seconds was played at the latter's ground on Sunday last and resulted in a win for the Craigengower by 24 runs. Scores:

Craigengower.

E. C. Barry, b Patell . . . . .

J. Hunt, b Patell . . . . .

F. A. Dominy, b Irance . . . . .

W. McBride, b Patell . . . . .

E. Souza, run out . . . . .

G. Gunn, run out . . . . .

G. Ladd, b Patell . . . . .

E. F. Sayer, not out . . . . .

Y. Abbas, c Patell, b Irance . . . . .

F. Broadbridge, b Irance . . . . .

T. Dyer, b Patell . . . . .

Extras . . . . .

Total . . . . . 118

Paraces.

B. A. Kerawalla, c Hunt, b Abbas . . . . .

A. B. Tata, run out . . . . .

N. Hebjajec, b Dominy . . . . .

R. Peatonie, c Gunn, b Hunt . . . . .

B. Irance, c Gunn, b Souza . . . . .

J. J. Patell, c Gunn, b Dominy . . . . .

S. B. Tata, b Dominy . . . . .

F. Broadbridge, b Souza . . . . .

J. P. Cooper, not out . . . . .

Total . . . . . 94

Hyde and M. W. Turner v A. V. Remedios and L. A. Bileira; Sui Wal-pui and F. H. Kewok v Taul Wal-pui and Wright; Wong Fuk-nam and Ho Hin-yin; H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v Wong Shu-wing and Chan Kam-moon; Wong Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v Iu Tak-lan and Luk Chan-chung; J. G. Lecky and E. C. Finchler v J. W. Leonard and J. A. Cassumbhoy; S. A. Gray and W. Wirth v E. and F. R. Zimmem; R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond v Chul Chan-chui and W. C. Hung.

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Valentine v T. C. Monaghan; D. D.

McKay v A. H. Harkins.

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### LOCAL YACHTING.

#### RESULTS OF THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The eighth Ladies' Championship race was sailed at the R.H.K.Y. Club yesterday, resulting as follows:

Courte, Lyemur Beacon (P), Cust Rock Mark (P), Channell Rocks (P); distance, 7.7 miles.

#### "II" Class.

Total pts. 41 Miss. Blumham  
Slokin 70 Miss. Larsen  
Diana 88 Miss. Sheldon  
Arabella II 58 Miss. Clarke  
Brother 59 Miss. Ferrier  
Colleen 37 Miss. Blake

#### "III" Class.

Total pts. 97 Miss. Blood  
Alice 103 Miss. Lambert  
Why Wonder 64 Miss. Fowler  
Bluejacket 104 Mrs. Adams  
Rosam 108 Mrs. Pickering  
Bettie 103 Mrs. Stewart  
Bonnie 83 Mrs. Rose

#### TROPHY RACE.

#### Yesterday's Event for Service Boats.

The third R.H.K.Y.C. trophy race for Service boats was sailed yesterday, the course being:

Channel Rock (P), Cust Rock Mark (P), Channel Rock (S), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Mark (S).

The event resulted as follows:

Boat	Position	Points
Hermes' Gig	1	40
Brace's J. Whaler	2	37
Medway's 2nd Whaler	3	34
Brace's K. Whaler	4	31
Hermes' Cutter	5	28
Cumberland's Cutter	6	25
Cumberland's Gig	7	22
Wishart's Whaler	8	19
Cumberland's 2nd Whaler	9	16
Cumberland's 1st Whaler	10	13
dedway's 1st Whaler	11	10

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	87.74	87.11/16
Genoa	17.5	17.11/16
Berlin	145	14.9/16
Oslo	185	185
Helsingfors	230	230
Athens	272 1/2	270
Buenos Aires	40	40
Shanghai	1,195	1,112
New York	3.46	3.45
Amsterdam	8.60	8.57
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	41.16/16	42.13/16
Bucharest	580	580
Hongkong	1.6 1/2	1.53/16
Brussels	24.13/16	24.75
Milan	69 1/2	69.3
Stockholm	17.5	17.5
Copenhagen	18.5	18.5
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### LOCAL FOOTBALL.

#### LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

Owing to the cancellation of the Intercollegiate soccer match the Hongkong Football Association have re-arranged the local league programme and have fixed eight games for next Saturday, February 6.

The fixtures in the First Division are as follows:

S.W. Borderers v. Police (Sookum-poo); Club v. Navy (Club); St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (Kowloon).

#### SECOND DIVISION.

University v. Navy (Kowloon); Club v. Kowloon (Club); Twelfth Battery v. S.W. Borderers (Sookum-poo).

#### THIRD DIVISION.

Royal Engineers v. Recreio (Chatham Road); S.W. Borderers v. Radio Sports (Chatham Road).

#### Referees' Meeting Off.

Owing to the present circumstances the Meeting of the Referees' Association, due to be held on Thursday, is cancelled.

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-truth and Co.

#### LONDON TERMINALS.

March 6/10 1/2 down 1d.  
May 7/- down 1 1/2d.  
August 7 1/2 down 1 1/2d.  
December 7 6 1/2 down 1d.  
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1 1/2d-2d. more.

#### NEW YORK TERMINALS.

March 1.00 down 6 pts.  
May 1.02 down 6 pts.  
July 1.07 down 6 pts.  
September 1.12 down 7 pts.  
December 1.18 down 7 pts.  
London (1/2/32)—New York market easier owing to Cuban reply, which has not been made public.

### ACIDITY CAUSES 90% DIGESTIVE TROUBLE.

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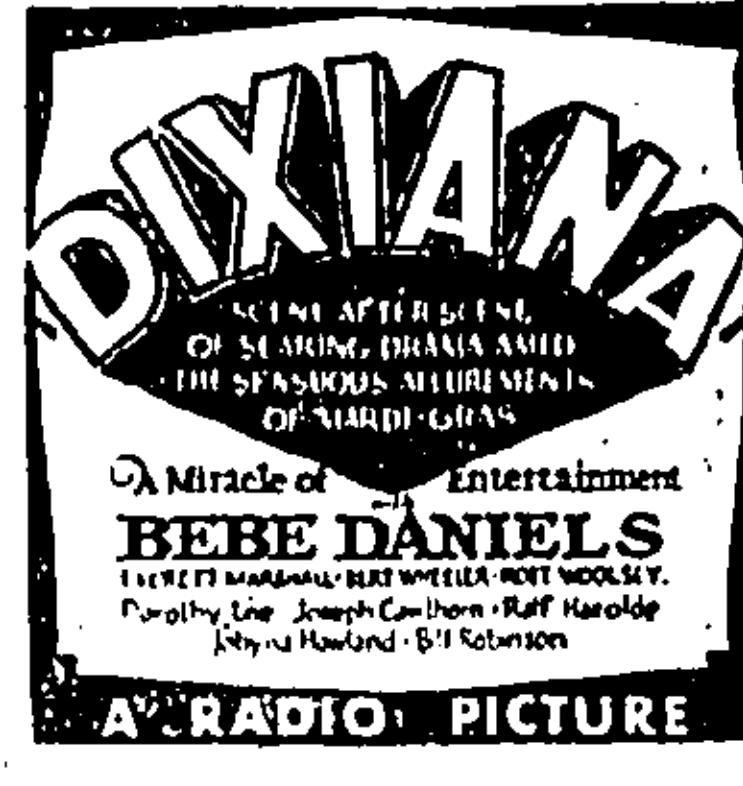
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## GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

You can actually see them from out here sometimes. The breeze has gone down, too, and that's always a sign. And the barometer's dropping. Don't believe it will be much of a blow coming from that direction, though. I sure wouldn't want to see much wind, with us stuck up here on this reef like this."

"How are you coming on that radio?" the other asked crossly, as if making the youth beside him directly responsible for it.

But the sailor continued cheerful. "Sparks told me there wasn't a chance to get it working. Somebody jimmied it proper. He thinks we'll just have to stick it out here until some fishing party comes along or the patrol comes around to check up on the light. Captain said we'd wait another day and then if no one showed up he'd send a couple of men along the keys in the dinghy."

"You mean you could make it to Key West—90 miles—in that?" De Loma pointed down at the small tethered rowboat bumping awkwardly about beneath the stern.

"Sure. If the weather held good. When you got tired of rowing you could just beach her on a key and take a rest. They're only a few miles apart. And farther in you'd be bound to pick up a fishing party that would take you on in to get help."

"Why hasn't someone tried that before this?" De Loma demanded. "We've been out on this reef in this damned sun for four days."

"Well, you see, this is the only good boat. That cockleshell up there (Mary held her breath as they turned to look up at the lifeboat behind which she was) is all that is left, and it's not any good—that is, for much of a row. And we'd have to take the only two pairs of oars we have. If a storm should come up and the party and to get over to Ford Jefferson, it would be ticklish business in that tub."

Crouched under the boat, she had been too intent on the conversation to notice the little black cloud of which the sailor had spoken, which had grown until it covered half the western sky. An occasional spurt of wind ruffled the sea, which otherwise lay glassy quiet under the moon.

The two men apparently became conscious of the approaching storm at almost the same moment. "See? What did I tell you?" the sailor pointed. "Here she comes. It won't be a bad one because you can see the edge of it there along the horizon, but it will be plenty clamp while it lasts. Better get under cover, sir. I've got to get my oilskins."

The Fly stood where he was after the other had gone, staring at the rolling-up mass of cloud. Suddenly he snapped his fingers, straightened with sudden decision and she saw him take something from his pocket. There was a sharp click, then he melted along the deck in the same noiseless way he had come.

A wisp of stray cloud flying ahead of the storm blotted out the moon just then. Mary scrambled from her hiding place and ran back along the top deck. There was still light enough to see that the deck below her was deserted.

What ought she to do? Rouse Bates? Was it really the click of a cartridge chamber she had heard, or might it have been the snapping shut of a cigarette case? Hardly that—for the only other smoker on board was Bates, and that young man would have swallowed his available supply of tobacco rather than share it with The Fly.

While she hesitated the first

## A NEW ARRIVAL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

DUTCH VESSEL'S FIRST VISIT.

A new arrival in port yesterday was the Dutch vessel Abbecker, which arrived from Sabang, under the command of Captain Fries. She carried a general cargo of 1,900 tons for Hongkong, and 0,150 tons of through cargo.

The Abbecker is a steel screw vessel, fitted with electric light and wireless. She has a gross tonnage of 6,000 tons and a net tonnage of 4,132. Her measurements are as follows: length 472.5 feet; breadth 55.2 feet; and depth 28.9 feet. Her Port of Registry is The Hague.

The Abbecker is owned by Vereenigde Nederlandse Scheepvaart Maats, and her Hongkong agents are the Java-China-Japan Line. She was formerly named the Morton Abbey, and later the Rheinland.

It's raining hard here and before she could move the storm broke. The wind lashed at her clinging skirts which were soaked in a moment. She fled down the gangway to the comparative shelter of the lower deck. Breathless, she leaned against the bulkhead and pushed the wet hair out of her eyes.

The "Gypsy" was stirring uneasily on the reef as the sea and wind pushed and tugged at her. As Mary felt her way along she passed Mr. Jupiter's window. His snore sounded even above the storm, but what was that other sound? Like someone stumbling against a chair.

The Fly was in there. She knew it. She could feel his presence. In the darkness of the room he must be able to see her head silhouetted against the opening. She turned and ran blindly back along the bulkhead. She must get someone. Where was Bates' room? She had never thought to find out and now she wanted to know so desperately.

Bruce. She turned and pushed open his door.

"Bruce! Bruce! Get up! Someone's in your father's stateroom!"

"What?" Roused suddenly from sleep, Bruce sat up so quickly he almost knocked her over.

"The Fly! He's in your father's room. Quick!"

She had hated Bruce, but she could have kissed him for the quickness with which he grasped the situation. Leaping from bed, he stumbled an instant on the table, and was out the door. "Stay there!"

Mary was after him, though, before he could take half a dozen strides. As she rounded the bulkhead behind which hid Mr. Jupiter's door from that of Bruce she heard the heavy impact of two bodies, and two shots—so close together they seemed almost one. Something pitched headlong onto the deck at her feet. For the space of a

## COMING SHORTLY TO THE KING'S

(Continued from Page 3.)

ARREST OF REDS.

ROUND UP BY JERUSALEM POLICE.

Jerusalem, Feb. 1.

Eleven girl communists and 23 men have been arrested in the city and suburbs.

Two of the arrested persons are ringleaders long wanted by the police.—*Reuter's Special Service*.

breath she stood still, too frightened to move, afraid to step for fear of the unknown.

"Bruce!" she screamed suddenly, terrified by the stillness. As she started forward, a plunging form came out of the blackness, struck her and hurled her bodily aside. She was knocked off her balance, her head hit something hard and she slipped down in a dead faint.

(To be Continued.)

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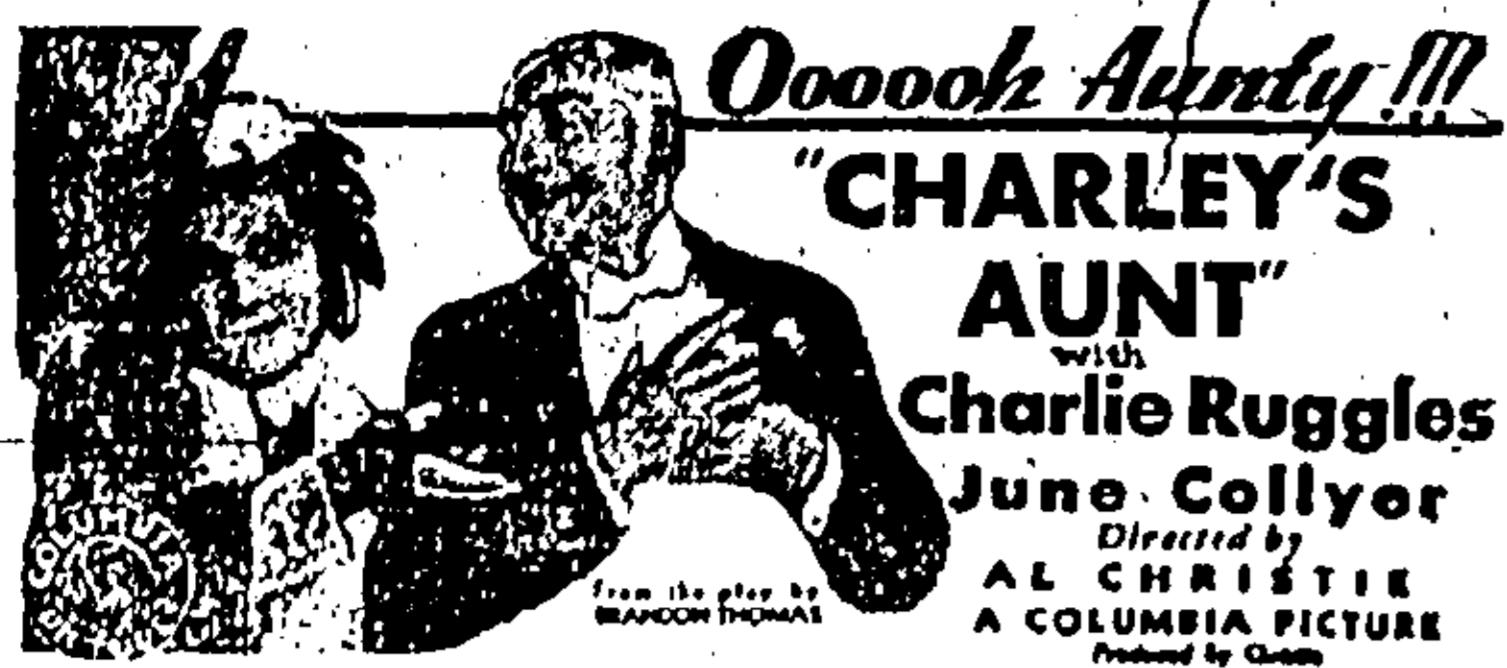
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In his sermon at the Union Church, Hongkong, on Sunday morning, Rev. E. G. Powell made a reference to the passing of Mrs. George McLeod.

"She died as she lived," he said, "with a concern not for herself but for others: first of all, of course, for her family, and her courage in the hour of that great trial was simply amazing; cool, collected, and with no sense of fear she asked that I would thank all who had been thinking of her and say that she hoped to see them again some day. We saw faith fulfilled, vindicated!

"We want to pay some small tribute to Mrs. McLeod's service to this Church: her work in the choir was magnificent. She loved to sing in this Church and help us in the singing: this choir holds for us most sacred memories which should serve to lead us to the highest. The Sunday Evening Social Hour and all social events of the Church were also greatly served. She enjoyed helping and befriending servicemen in the Service Club. Whenever occasion arose she helped in the Cathedral choir, co-operating in any way she could to serve the community. She will be greatly missed in her home, where she was so devotedly loved, and also in this Church and in the community.

"Do you realize what we owe to such as these, and to the Church which nurtures them? The sympathy of the Church is extended to the family: we will not cease to pray that they may know the reality of the Divine companionship."

## OBITUARY.

## DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. S. E. DA LUZ.

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mr. S. E. da Luz, a very old resident, who had been a member of the Staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for 30 years. He is survived by seven sons and five daughters and 30 grandchildren.

The funeral yesterday evening was attended by a number of relatives and friends, among those present being Messrs. J. S. M. Alves, F. M. Graen, V. E. Soares, A. F. Osborne, J. Baptista, A. A. Alves, V. C. Rocha, B. Gosoano, A. V. Barros and many others.

The many floral tributes included an artificial wreath from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. dos Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. B. da Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Figueiredo, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. da Silva and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mauricio, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, Local Staff P. and O. Bank, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reed and family, Portuguese Staff of Netherlands Trading Society, the Staff of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. and others from his sons, daughters and relatives, and other members of the Portuguese community.

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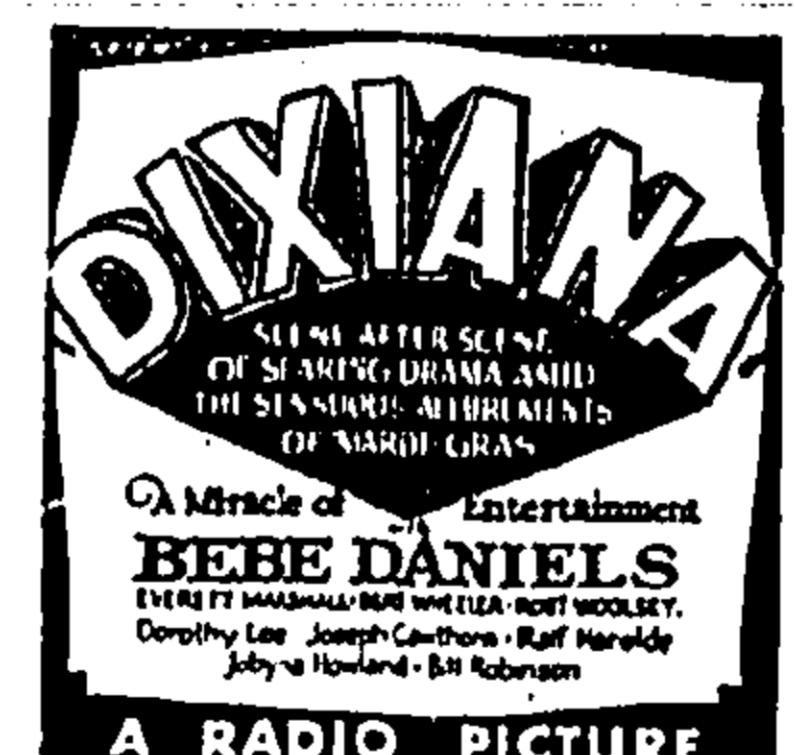
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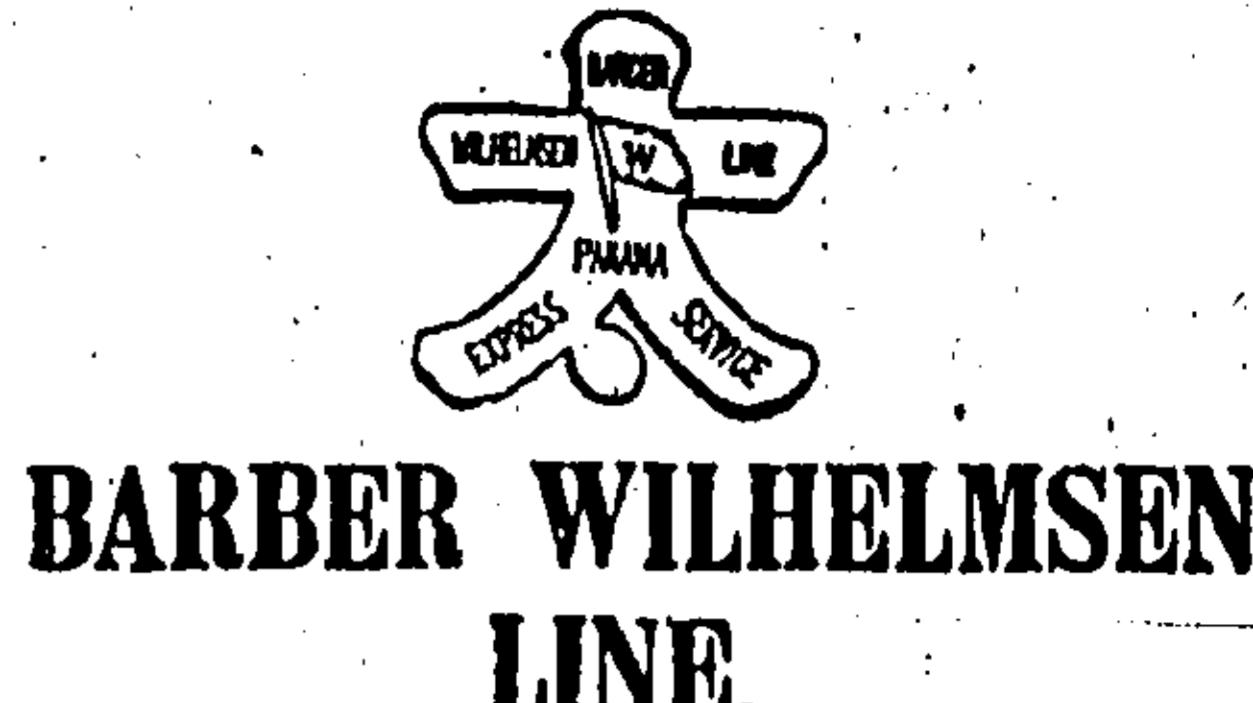
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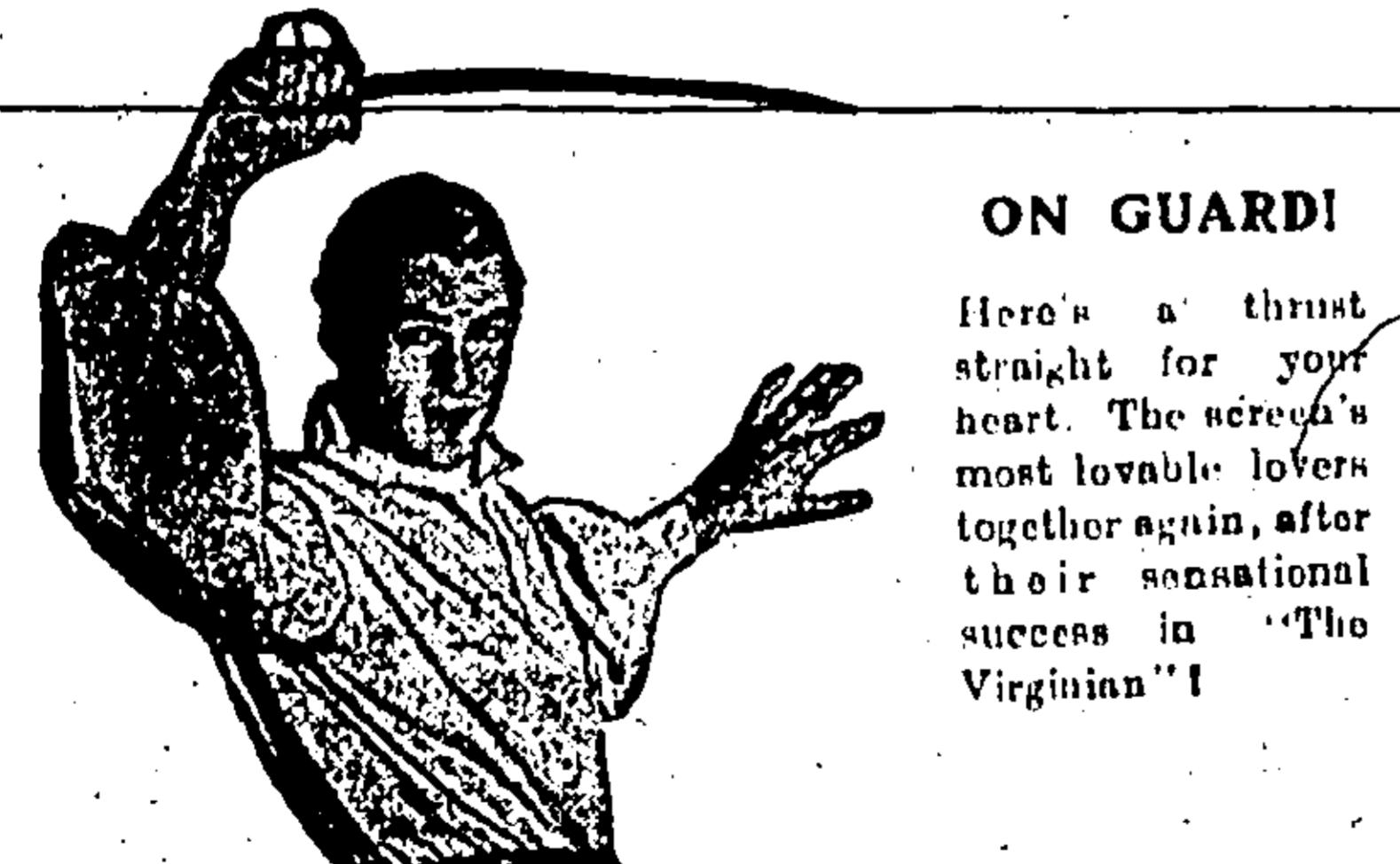
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SILK MERCHANTS AT LAW.

INDIAN CASE RESUMED THIS MORNING.

ARGUMENT FIRST.

After being adjourned—last Thursday, the action between Indian parties concerning money allegedly due was resumed before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff, Rattanachand Jerumdas, of China Building, is suing Pritamdas Ioshmatrai Vaswani and Utomal Thadani, No. 26, Wyndham Street, claiming accounts and enquiries, payment of the amount found due to plaintiff, other and further relief and costs.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, is for plaintiff while Mr. F. C. Jenkins, K. C., is for defendants.

After argument from both sides on the point, his Lordship held that it was incumbent on Mr. Jenkins to begin.

In opening his case, Mr. Jenkins said that plaintiff, whose real surname was Kaswani, traded as Kaswani and Company as a silk merchant. Towards the end of 1928 the defendants were carrying on business under the name of Jhurai and Company, also silk merchants, in Wyndham Street.

Advance of \$4,000.

Being in need of money, they approached plaintiff and he made them an advance of \$4,000 on terms incorporated in an agreement. Under that agreement, in consideration of the money advanced, plaintiff was entitled to four things:—(1) Twenty per cent. of the net profits of the business, (2) interest at six per cent. on his money per annum, (3) free access to the books of the company, and (4) to an annual statement of accounts of the business.

Counsel continued, that defendants found they required further money and plaintiff, during the next five months, advanced a further \$10,000, making \$14,000 in all in the first half-year of 1929.

In October, 1929, plaintiff contemplated going on a long business tour and defendants suggested it might be to their mutual advantage to amalgamate their business with that of plaintiff; that the existing agreement between them should be cancelled, and that a new agreement governing the relationship of the two firms should be drawn up. A draft of a new agreement was drawn up, but it was not signed by the time plaintiff left Hong Kong on February 2, 1930.

No Profits Paid.

Shortly before he left, the advances he had made were repaid but neither interest nor his share of the profits were paid, as the

NERVE TEST FOR CAMPBELL.

150 MILES P.H. THROUGH PIER PILLARS.

(Reuters' Special Service)

London, Feb. 1. Sir Malcolm Campbell is leaving England on Wednesday to make his attempt to create a new land speed record at Daytona. The attempt will be made, it is understood, on or about the 15th instant.

For the first time in Daytona speed attempts history, he will start beyond the pier, which means that he will be required to drive at about 150 miles an hour between the pillars of the pier in developing a flying start over the measured course.

BRITISH FLYING RECORD.

HANDLEY-PAGE FEAT.

(Reuters' Special Service)

London, Feb. 1. A new British commercial flying record has been created by an Imperial Airways giant Handley-Page machine, which to-day completed the distance from Bushire to Karachi, a distance of eleven hundred miles, in a single day.

Last week's health return shows eight cases of diphtheria, with five deaths; four of small-pox (one fatal), four of cerebro-spinal fever (three fatal), three of typhoid (two fatal) and one fatal case of puerperal fever. There were also 56 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Plaintiff returned in July, 1930, and then asked for payment of his interest and profits, but he was put off with the excuse that the books had not been made up. Later, the action was started.

Mr. Jenkins explained that a sum of money had been paid into Court for interest, but nothing had been paid in with regard to profits. When Mr. Jenkins was going to call evidence, Mr. Potter said he would submit that there was no case to answer, either on the pleadings or on the opening.

It was decided to hear the argument before calling evidence, and the case is proceeding.

FORTUNE TELLER CONVICTED.

"PLANTING THE SILVER TREE."

WOMAN DUPED.

A "planting the silver tree" case came to a conclusion at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning when Tsoi Kwong-kwong, a fortune-teller, was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour with the option of a fine of \$200.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. C. E. Randall was for the defence.

It was alleged by the prosecution that on December 2, 1931, in his house in Reclamation Street, the defendant obtained \$100 in notes from the complainant, Tsoi Wah-yan, put them in a pot, covered the pot with red paper, and told her to return in two days when, if fortune favoured her, she would find the seed had grown to \$6,000 or \$7,000.

On December 4, she returned, to find the fates averse, and her money gone. In the meantime, her husband had discovered that she had misappropriated money he had given her for household purposes, and subsequently, she had the defendant arrested.

In his summing-up, his Worship said the evidence for the prosecution showed that defendant told complainant's fortune on November 27, at his stall, invited her and her sister to his house for a further sitting, and on November 28, suggested planting the silver tree for the complainant. Thereafter, complainant and her sister attended daily at defendant's house till December 2 when the "tree" was planted. Returning on December 4, complainant realised that she had been duped and accused defendant of tricking her.

His Worship remarked that there was no doubt the defendant had taken advantage of the credulity of the complainant in obtaining the \$150.

It was unfortunate, his Worship went on, that witnesses for both sides had lied, but this did not make any difference, to the case for the prosecution. There were weak points about the defence which were impossible to overlook.

In consideration for the length of time which defendant has been in prison, his Worship ordered the sentence to date from December 6, thus leaving defendant only a few days to serve.

Summoned for assault, a district watchman who was alleged to have struck a travelling trader because the latter refused, on a previous occasion, to lend him money, was convicted by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court to-day and cautioned. Mr. C. Y. Kwan was for the complainant, who accused the defendant of constantly annoying him.

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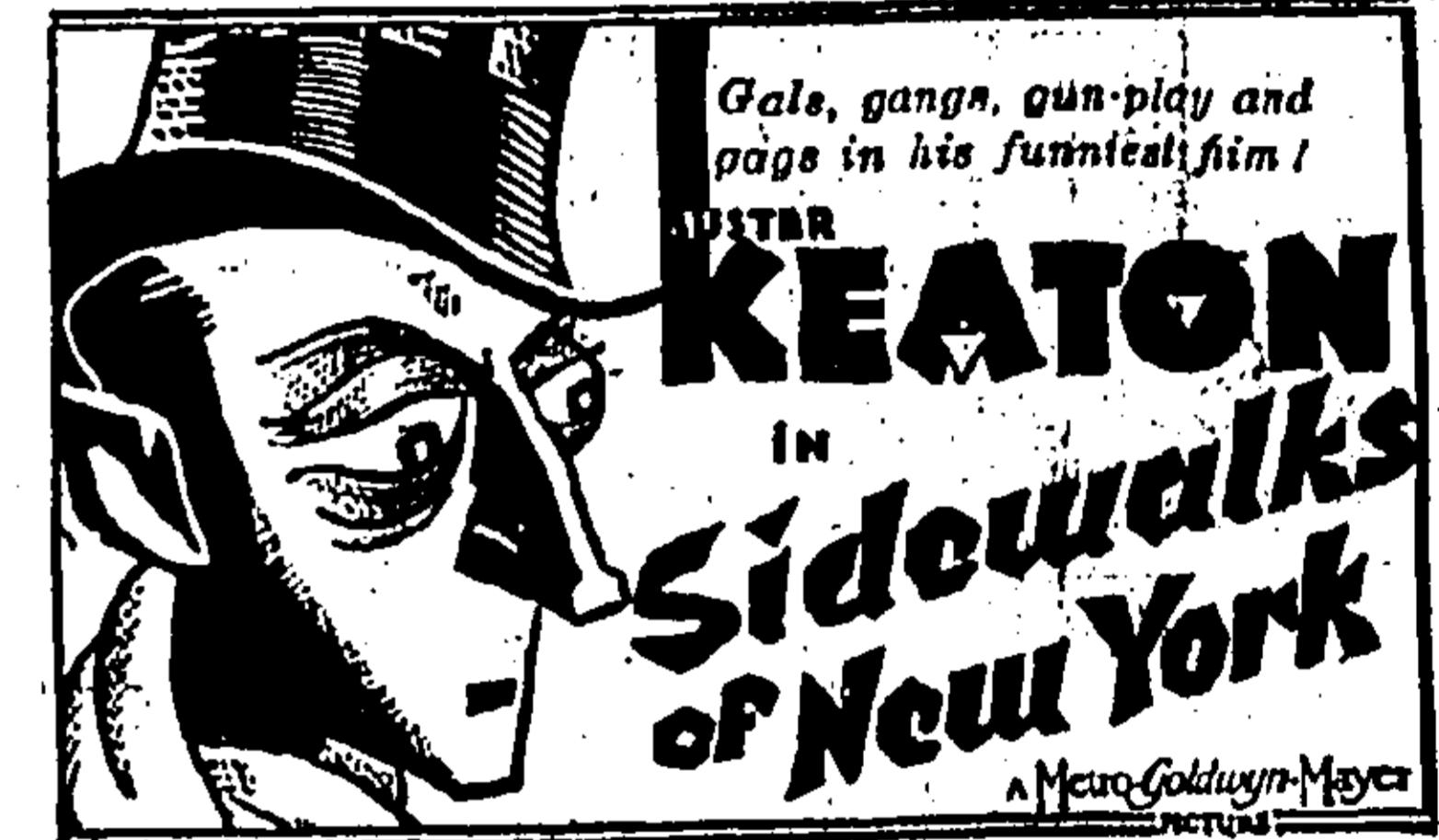
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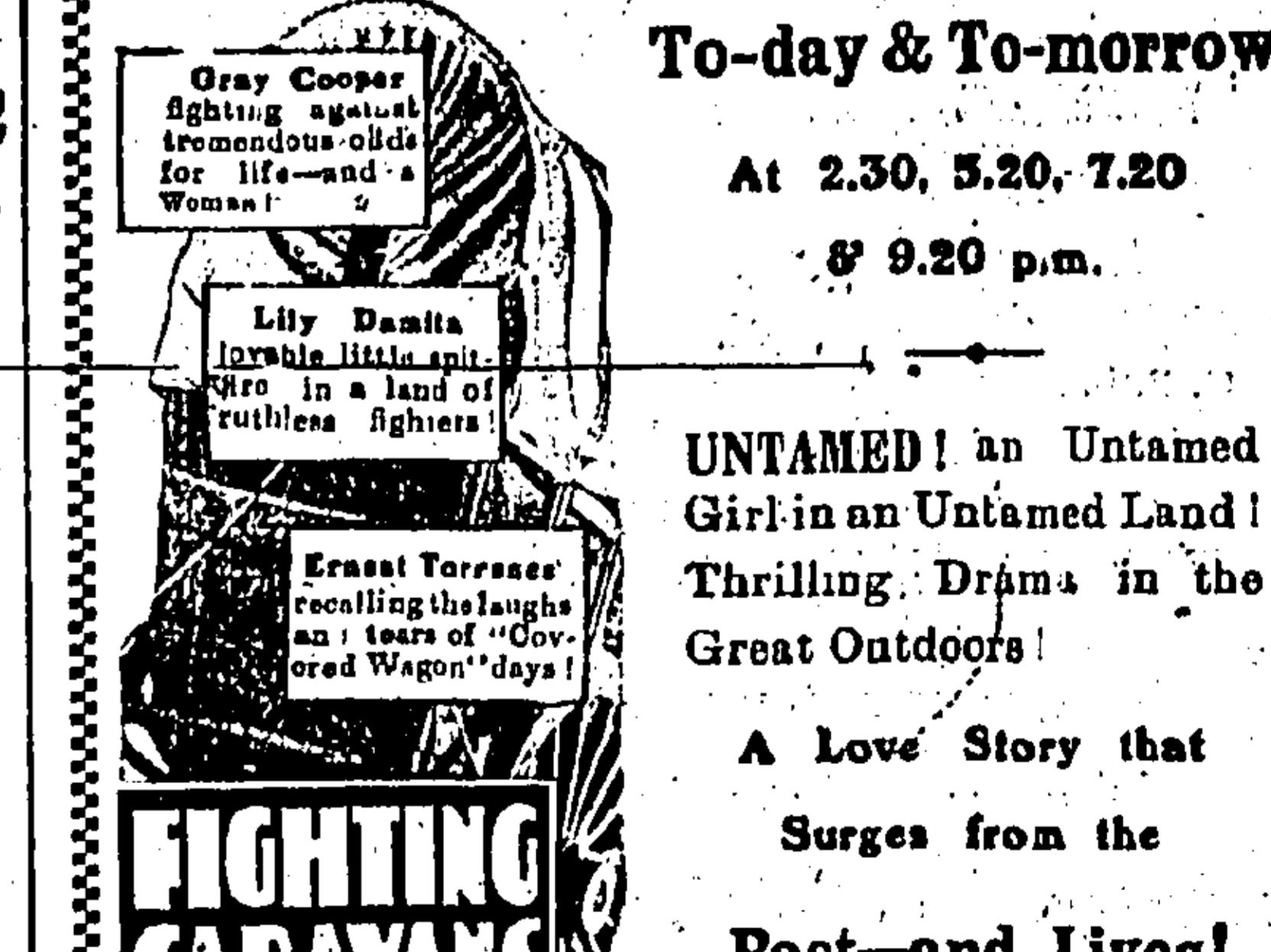
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